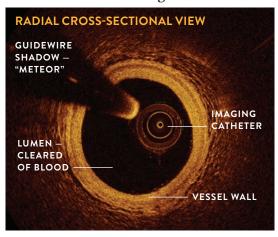
# OPTICAL COHERENCE TOMOGRAPHY (OCT)

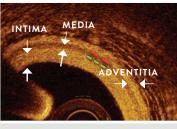
## BASICS OF IMAGE INTERPRETATION

### 5 OCT FUNDAMENTALS<sup>1</sup>

1. Elements of an OCT image view

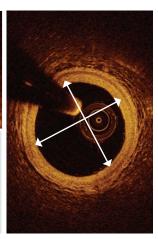


### 2. Normal vessel tissue view

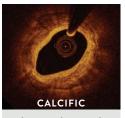


EEL is the outer layer of media shown by the dotted red line.

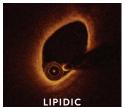
- --- External Elastic Lamina (EEL)
- --- Internal Elastic Lamina (IEL)



**3. Most common type of plaque description:** OCT helps to identify different plaque morphologies.



- •Clear, Delineated
  Edges
- "Islands" or "Rocks"

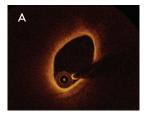


- Dark
- Homogeneous
- Diffuse, "Shadowy" Edges
- "Murky Water"

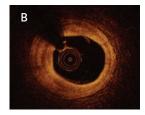


- •Bright
- Homogeneous

**4. Attenuation:** To describe images, the term "attenuation" is used in regards to light penetration, or simply "loss of light."

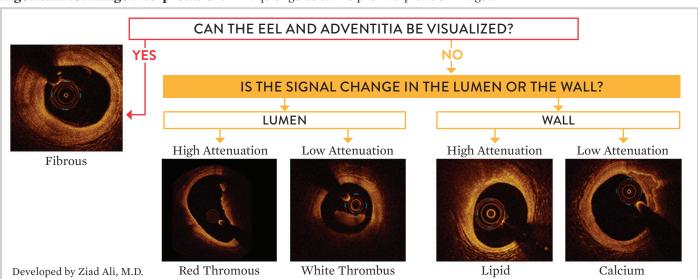


(A) High attenuation = high loss of light, dark image; can't see deep tissue



(B) Low attenuation = light penetrates deep; can see tissue

5. Algorithm for image interpretation: This quick guide can help to interpret OCT images.



1. Tearney, G., et al., Consensus Standards for Acquisition, Measurement, and Reporting of Intravascular Optical Coherence Tomography Studies A Report From the International Working Group for Intravascular Optical Coherence Tomography Standardization and Validation. *JACC* Vol. 59, No. 12, 2012.

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