

**DEVELOPING CLINICAL DECISION
SUPPORT SYSTEM
FOR AUTOMATED DIAGNOSIS OF
BPPV SUB TYPES:**

**USING ALGORITHMS FOR EVALUATION OF
NYSTAGMUS AND TORSION**

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- Applied for 6 patents

BPPV

➤ Mechanical disorder

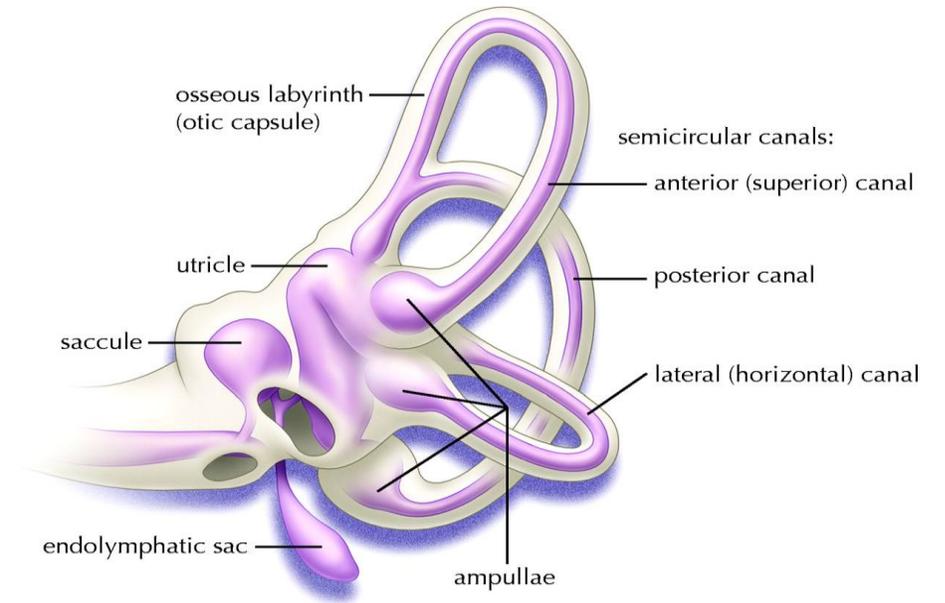
➤ Follows the laws of physics

➤ **Localization of the otoconia is deduced by**

❖ **Gravitational orientation of semicircular canal**

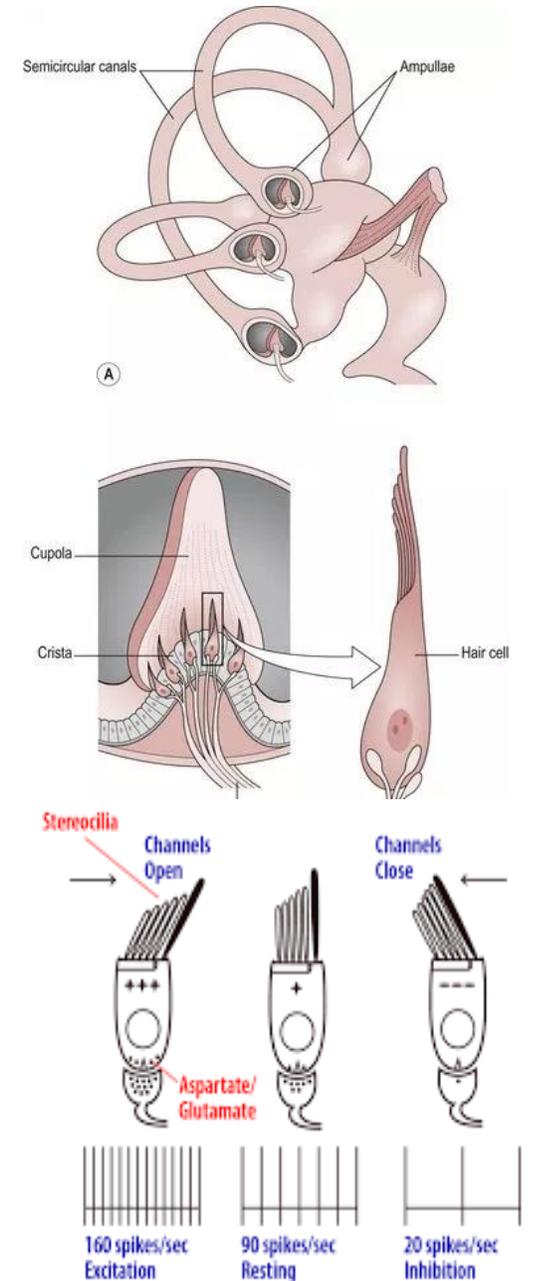
❖ **Vestibular physiology of the resulting nystagmus**

➤ Nystagmus SPV above $2^\circ/\text{sec}$ is threshold for sensation of vertigo
(Squires, Weidman 2004)



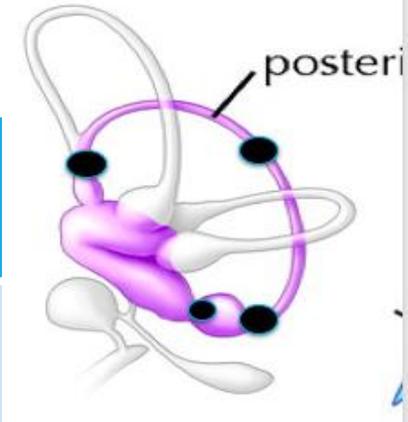
DETERMINATING FACTORS

- Cupula placement will decide direction of maneuver
- Direction of nystagmus is dependent on orientation of kinocilium with respect to utricle
- Eyes move in the direction of the plane of the canal being stimulated (Ewald's Law)
- DBN – excitation of AC or inhibition of PC
- UBN – inhibition of AC or excitation of PC
- Ipsitortion – excitation of down ear or inhibition of up ear



TYPES OF BPPV : POSTERIOR CANAL

Type	Position	Characteristics	Maneuver
Canalithiasis	Long Arm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D-H going down: Upbeat nystagmus & geotropic torsion Sitting: Reversal of nystagmus & torsion Fatiguability/Duration: <1 min Latency: few seconds 	Epley / Semont's
	Short Arm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D-H going down: No nystagmus/torsion Sitting: Up beat nystagmus/torsion Short Duration 	Brisk Epley /QLRM
	Downbeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downbeating nystagmus & apogeotropic torsion 	Yacovino
Cupulolithiasis	Cupula or near cupula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up beating nystagmus & geotropic torsion Brief/no latency: >1min Non fatigable 	Semont's



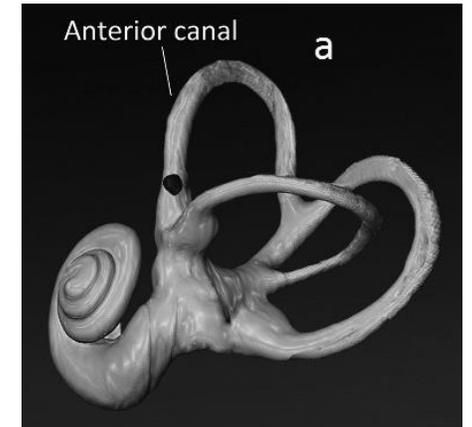
(Büki, Mandalà & Nuti, 2017)
 (Califano, 2014)
 (Von Brevern et al., 2015)

TYPES OF BPPV: HORIZONTAL CANAL BPPV

Type	Characteristics	Maneuver
Canalithiasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geotropic Horizontal nystagmus• Stronger towards the affected ear	Barbeque/ Gufoni
Cupulolithiasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apogeotropic Horizontal nystagmus• Weaker towards the affected ear	Barbeque/ Modified Gufoni
Light Cupula	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direction changing geotropic nystagmus• Weaker towards unaffected side	No maneuver

(Büki, Mandalà & Nuti, 2014 , Kim et al., 2018)

ANTERIOR CANAL BPPV



Type	Characteristics	Maneuver
Canalithiasis / Cupulolithiasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deep head hanging position• Downbeat nystagmus• Torsion<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clockwise – Left AC• Anticlockwise – Right AC	Yacovino

(Büki, Mandalà & Nuti, 2017) (Califano , 2014)

PARAMETERS TO DIAGNOSE BPPV

- History
- Positional test with steps
- Nystagmus
 - Direction
 - Duration
 - Stronger/Weaker side
 - Latency
- Direction of torsion
- Any spontaneous nystagmus

SOFTWARE FOR TAKING HISTORY

1. When did the first episode of vertigo/dizziness occur

5

Days



2. For how long did the first episode of vertigo/dizziness last

30

Seconds



3. First Attack Type of Vertigo/Dizziness

Rotating/Spinning



4. When did the last episode of vertigo/dizziness occur

1

Days



5. For how long did the last episode of vertigo/dizziness last

45

Seconds

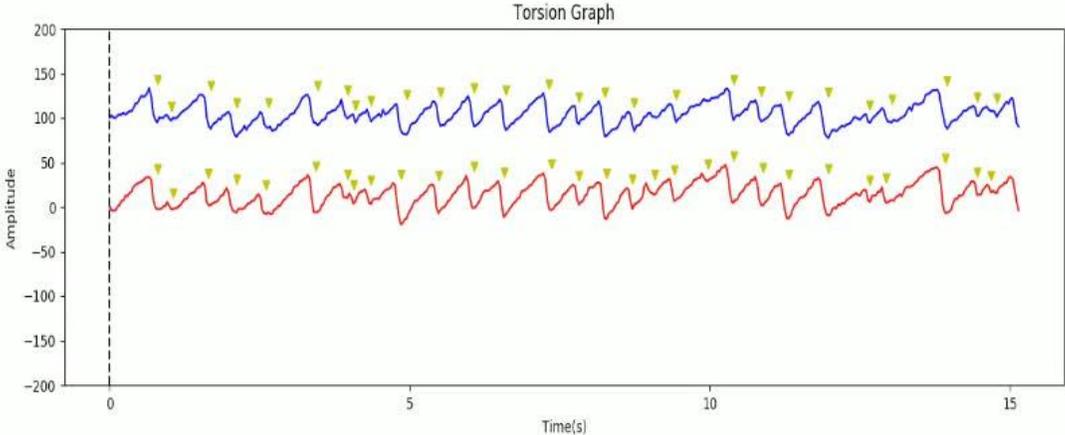


6. Last Episode Type of Vertigo/Dizziness

Rotating/Spinning



DETECTION OF TORSION – SPV & DIRECTION



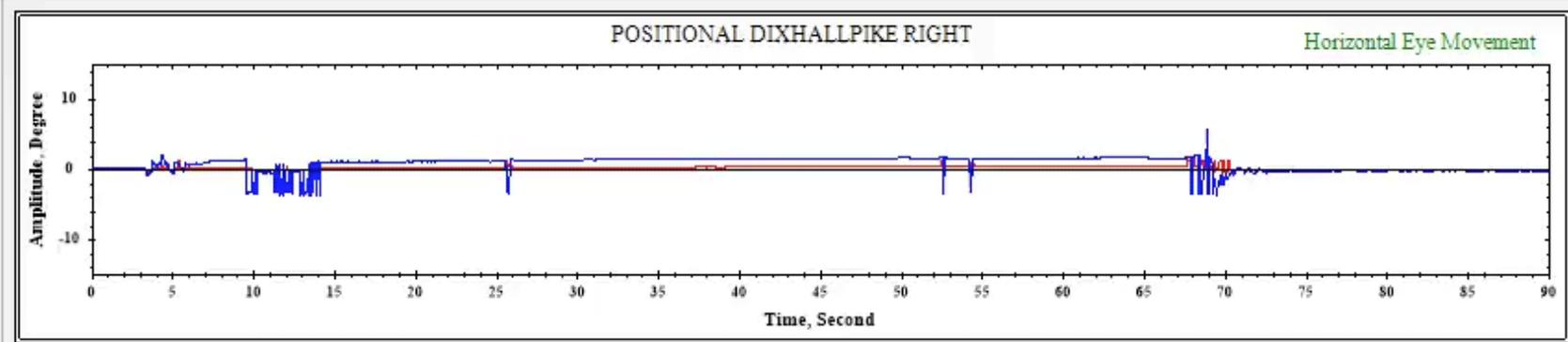
▼ Anticlockwise ▲ Clockwise

Info Test

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Patient ID : MEMAH19998

Date : 29-09-2018

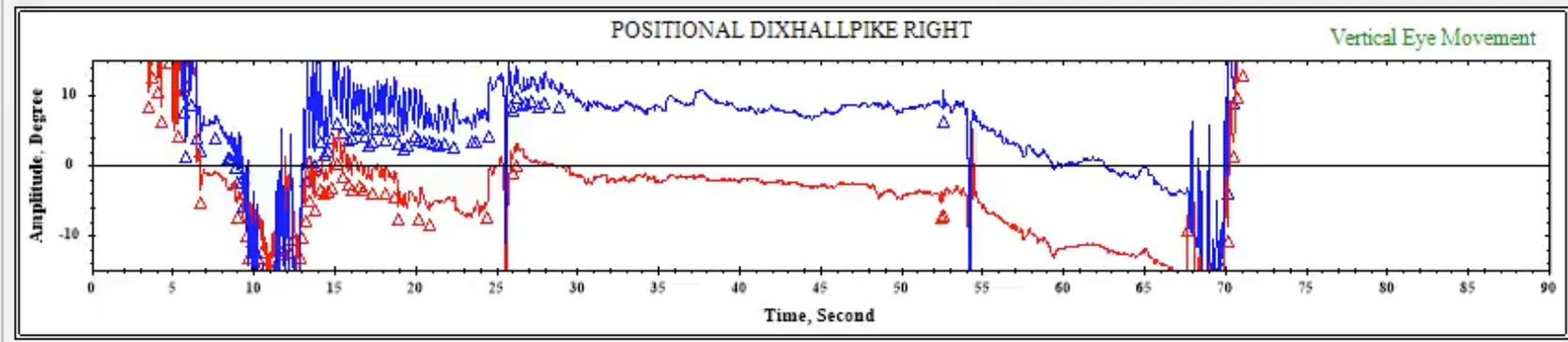


Remove Nystagmus

Left Side

Right Side

Remove All



Remove Nystagmus

Left Side

Right Side

Remove All

<< Previous Test

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Save & Continue

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Graph Offset Graph Scaling Window Size Nystagmus Reset Values

Horizontal

Left -2.8

Right 0

Vertical

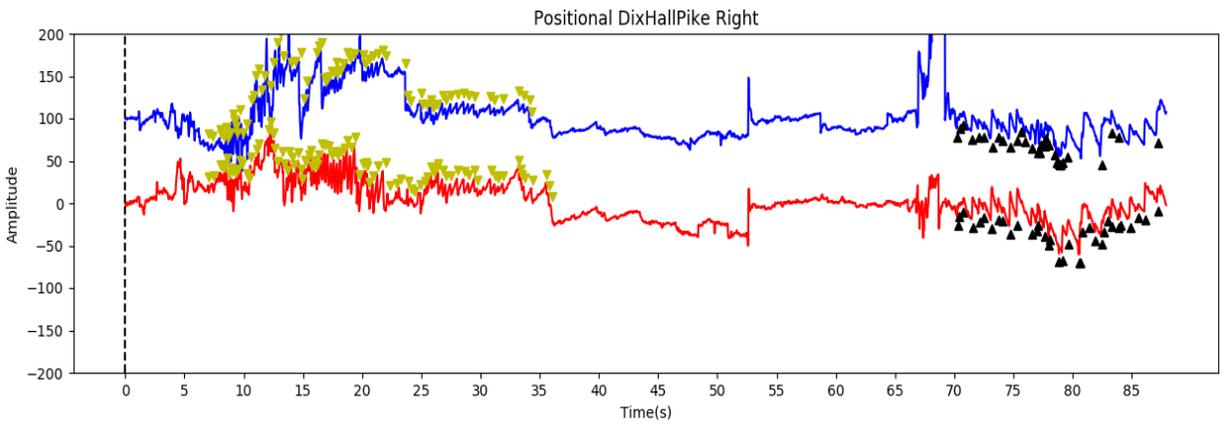
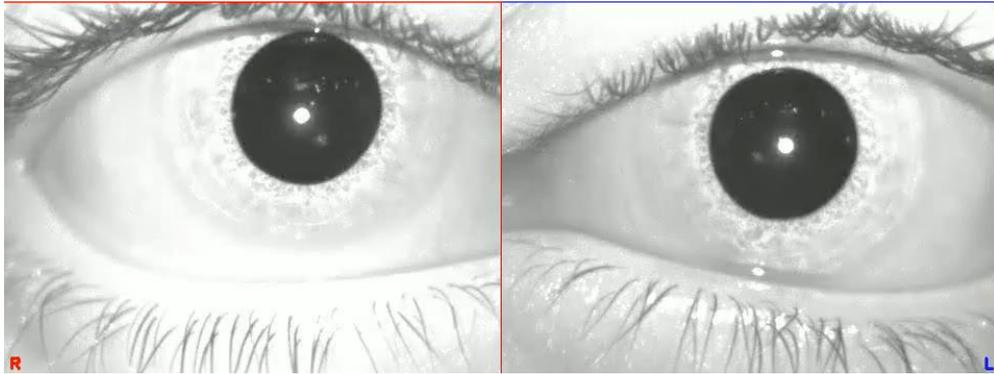
Left -33.3

Right -27.7

POSTERIOR LONG ARM CANALITHIASIS

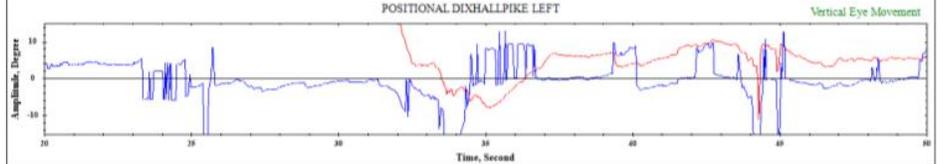
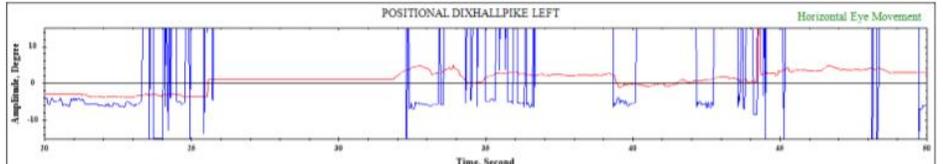
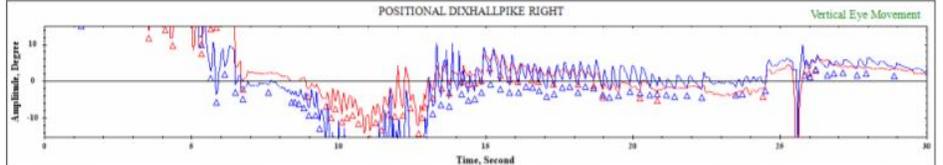
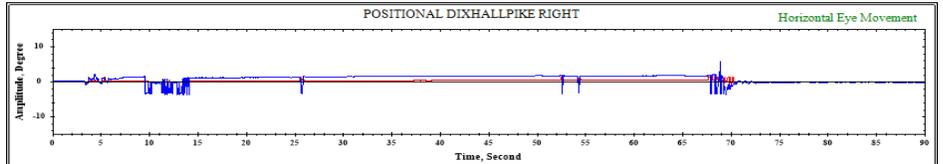
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Right Dix Hallpike



▼ Geotropic ▲ Apogeotropic

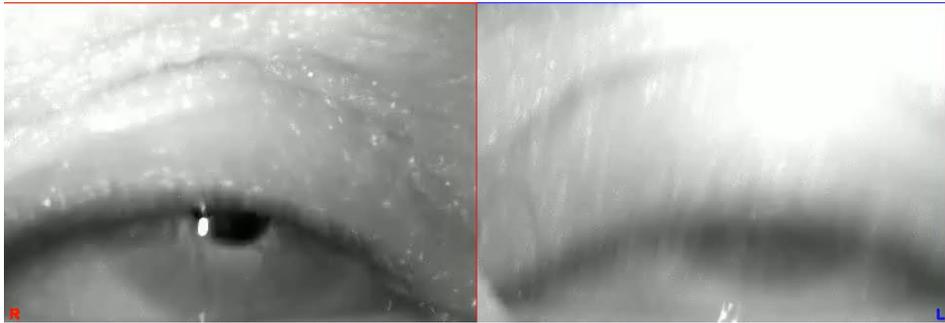
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Dix-Hallpike Right Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Right Vertical	-32	69	-46	89
Dix-Hallpike Left Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Vertical	0	0	0	0



Torsion	Supine	Sitting
Direction	Geotropic	Apogeotropic
Beats /30sec	93	35

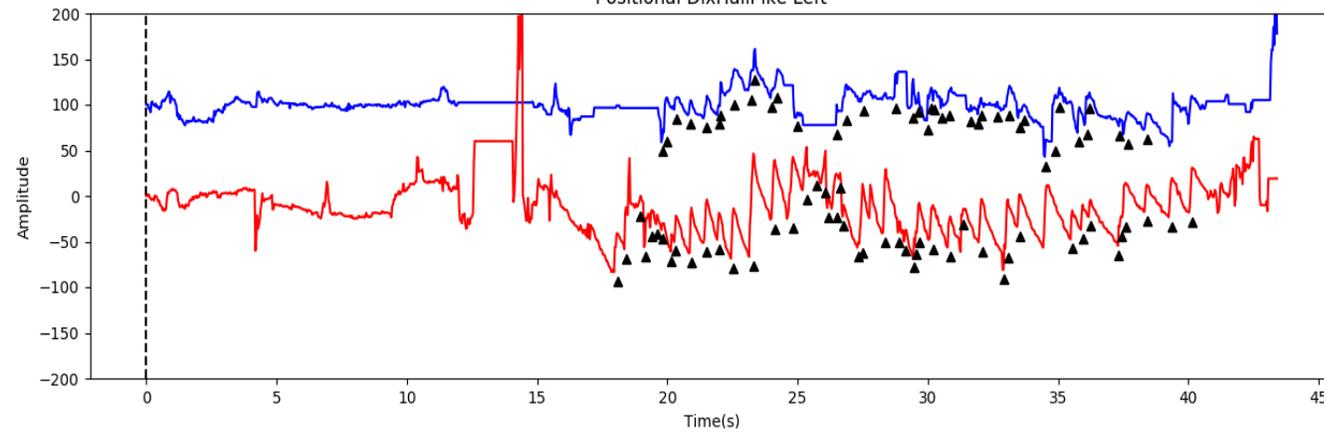
POSTERIOR SHORT ARM CANALITHIASIS

Left Dix Hallpike



Torsion

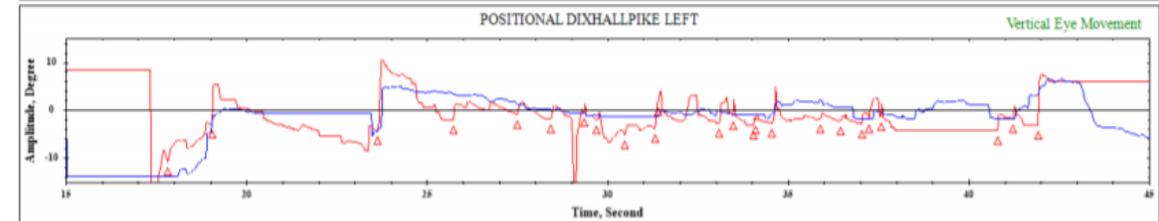
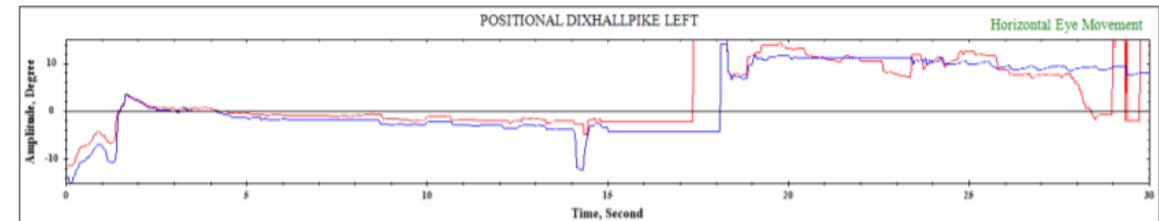
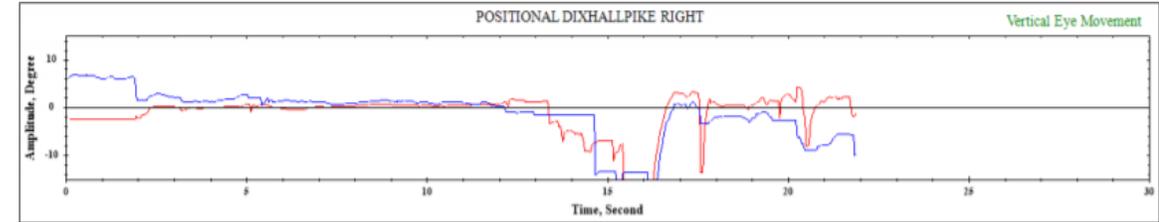
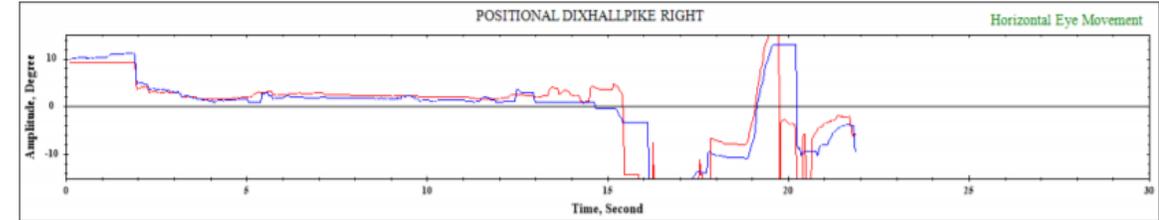
Positional DixHallPike Left



▲ Torsion Detected

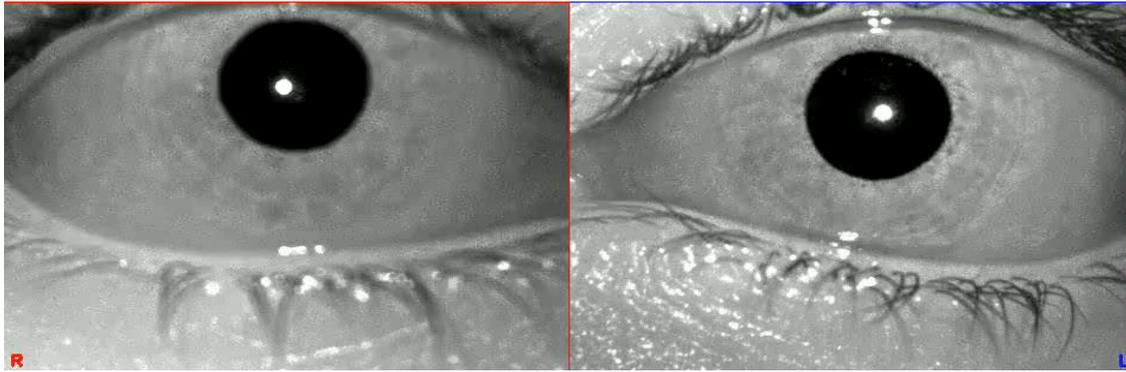
Beats /30 seconds: 47

	Right Eye SPV(°/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(°/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Dix-Hallpike Right Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Right Vertical	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Vertical	-10	27	0	0

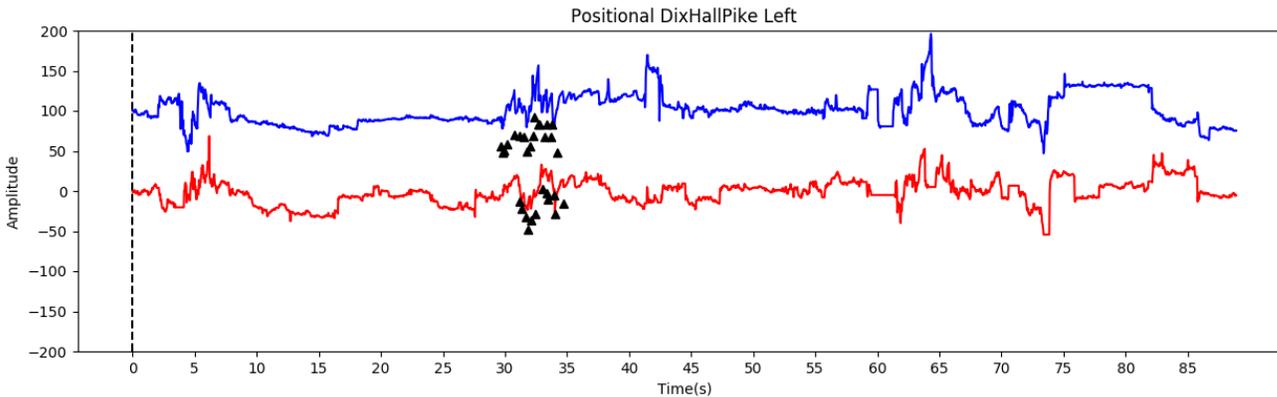


POSTERIOR SEMICIRCULAR CANAL DOWNBEATING

Left Dix Hallpike



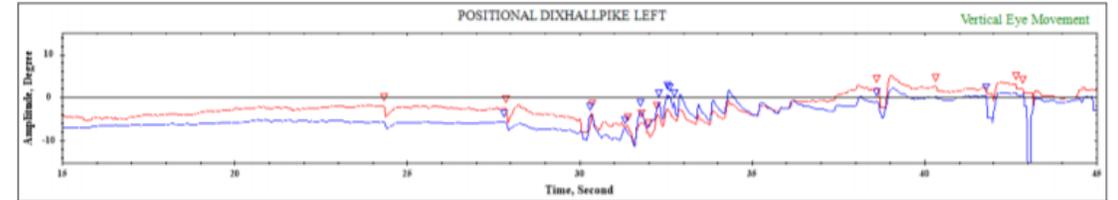
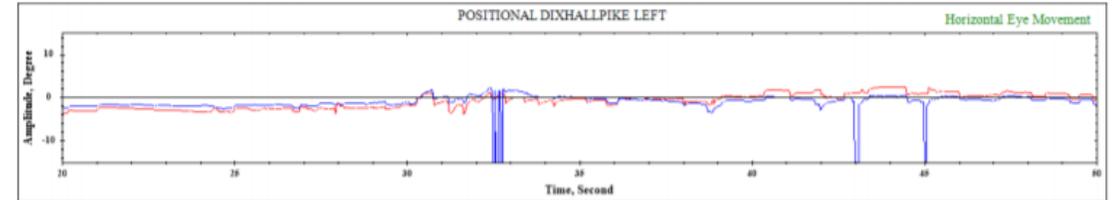
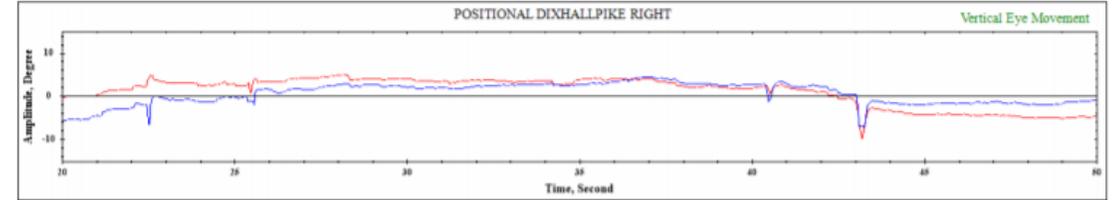
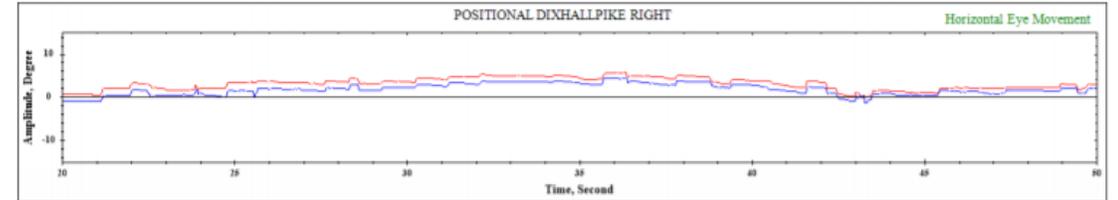
Torsion



▲ Apogeotropic

Direction: Apogeotropic
Beats /30 seconds: 12

	Right Eye SPV(°/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(°/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Dix-Hallpike Right Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Right Vertical	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Vertical	14	11	30	10



CLASSIFICATION OF POSTERIOR CANAL DOWNBEATING BPPV (Califano)

1a: "Certain" APC

Presence of a down-beating paroxysmal nystagmus, torsional clockwise for the right canal and counterclockwise for the left canal, evoked through the Dix- Hallpike test and sometimes through the straight head hanging positioning.

Possible presence of a vertical down-beating component in the same positioning tests.

Canalar conversion in TPC during or immediately after (no more than 2 days) the therapeutic maneuver.

1b: "Probable" APC

As reported in 2a, but with a direct resolution of disease without canalar conversion in TPC.

1c: "Possible" APC

Persistence of symptoms after five cycles of therapeutic manœuvres.

MRI does not show any neurological disease as a possible cause of nystagmus

HORIZONTAL – GEOTROPIC NYSTAGMUS

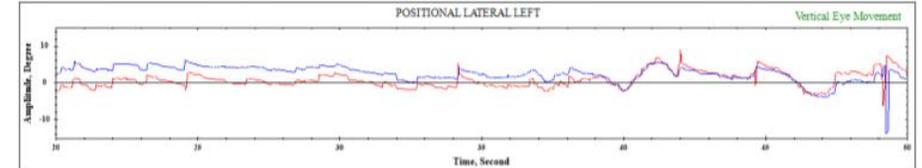
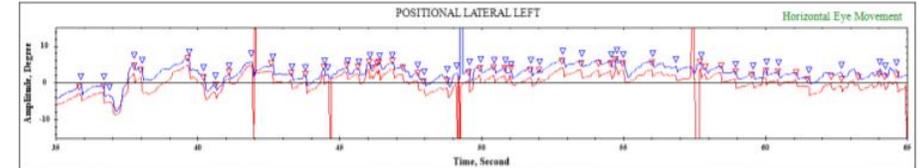
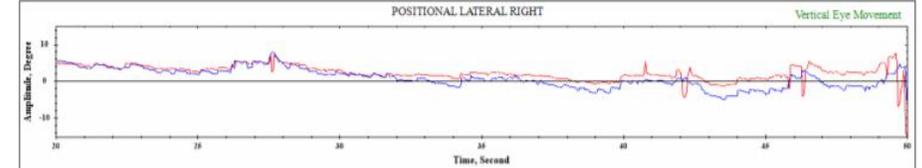
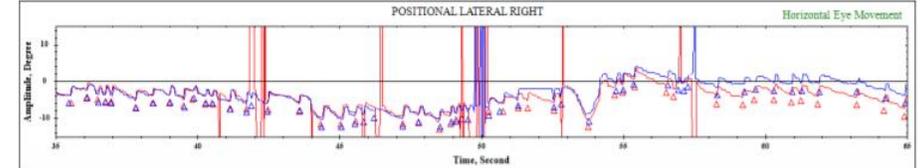
Lateral Right



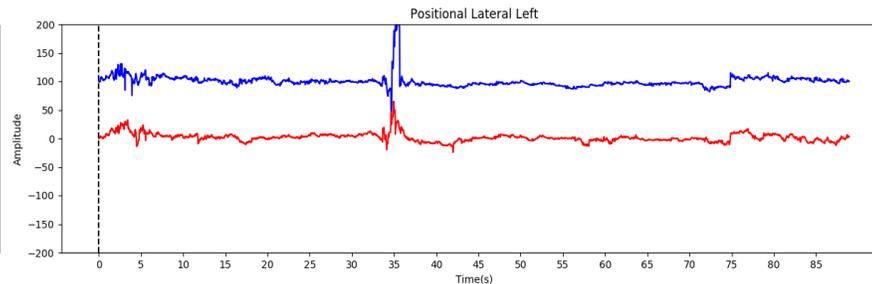
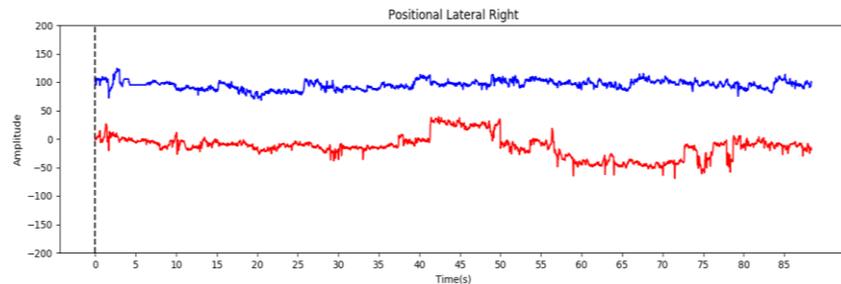
Lateral Left



	Right Eye SPV(°/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(°/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Lateral Right Horizontal	-52	110	-25	118
Lateral Right Vertical	0	0	0	0
Lateral Left Horizontal	23	116	13	117
Lateral Left Vertical	0	0	0	0

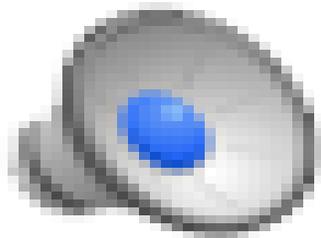


No torsion

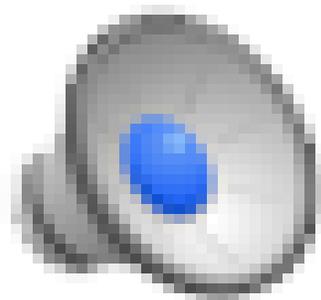


LATERAL APOGEOTROPIC - CUPULOLITHIASIS LEFT

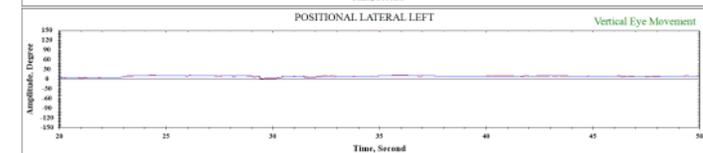
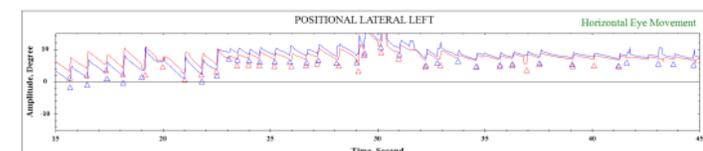
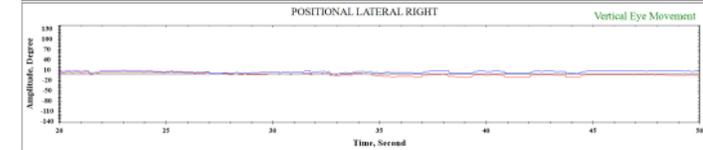
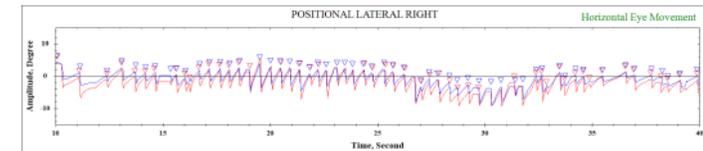
Lateral right



Lateral left



	Right Eye SPV(°/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(°/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Lateral Right Horizontal	13	80	11	81
Lateral Right Vertical	0	0	0	0
Lateral Left Horizontal	-6	51	-6	51
Lateral Left Vertical	0	0	0	0



LIGHT CUPULA

- Direction changing geotropic nystagmus on Supine head roll – stronger to affected side
- No latent period
- Non-fatigable
- Null point should be identifiable
- Does not respond to Barbeque or Gufoni manoeuvres
- Usually self-limiting in a few weeks

(Kim, 2017)

THEORY BEHIND LIGHT CUPULA

- Normally Cupula and endolymph have the same specific gravity
- Cupula synthesizes sulfated proteoglycans
- Secreted in endolymph
- Altered homeostasis of these macromolecules
- Change of specific gravity of endolymph vs. cupula

(Bergenius & Tomanovic , 2006)

HEAVY ENDOLYMPH THEORY

Specific gravity of endolymph may increase due to

- Labyrinthine hemorrhage
- Inner ear hypoperfusion (eg. After stellate ganglion block)
- Inflammation
- Intracochlear schwannoma (increased protein)

CLASSIFICATION OF ANTERIOR CANAL BPPV (Califano)

1a: "certain" AC

Presence of a positional vertical down-beating paroxysmal nystagmus evoked through the straight head hanging positioning and sometimes through the Dix- Hallpike test.

In such positions, **possible presence of a clockwise torsional component for the left AC or of a counterclockwise torsional component for the right AC.**

Canal conversion in typical posterior canal BPPV (TPC) during or immediately after (no more than two days) the therapeutic manoeuvre, characterised by a vertical up-beating nystagmus, clockwise for the left canal and counter-clockwise for the right canal.

1b: "Probable" AC

As reported in 1a, but with a direct resolution of disease without canalar conversion in TPC.

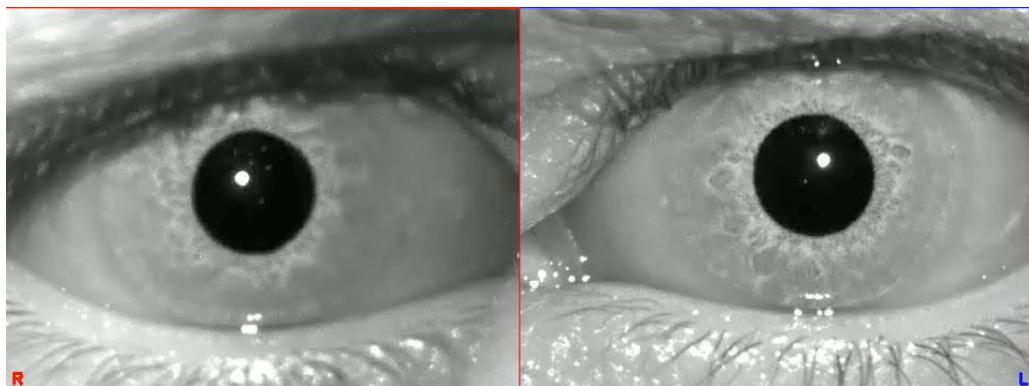
1c: "Possible" AC

Persistence of symptoms after five cycles of therapeutic manoeuvres.

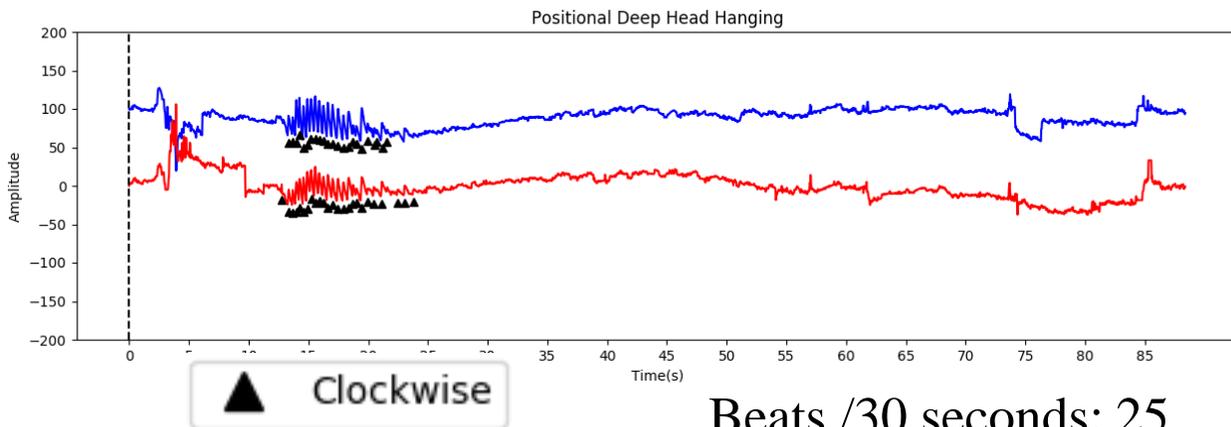
MRI does not show any neurological disease as a presumed cause of the nystagmus

LEFT ANTERIOR CANAL BPPV

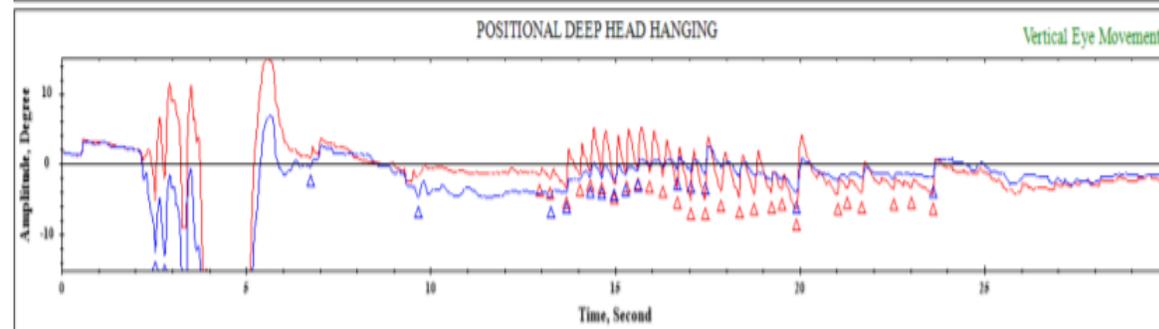
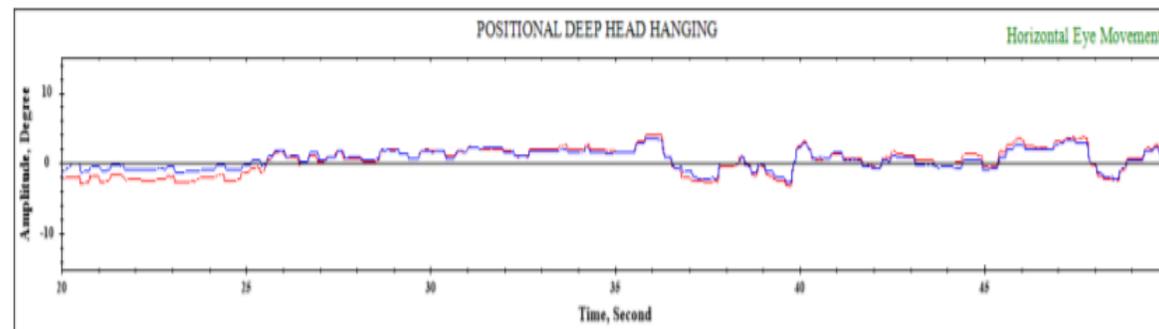
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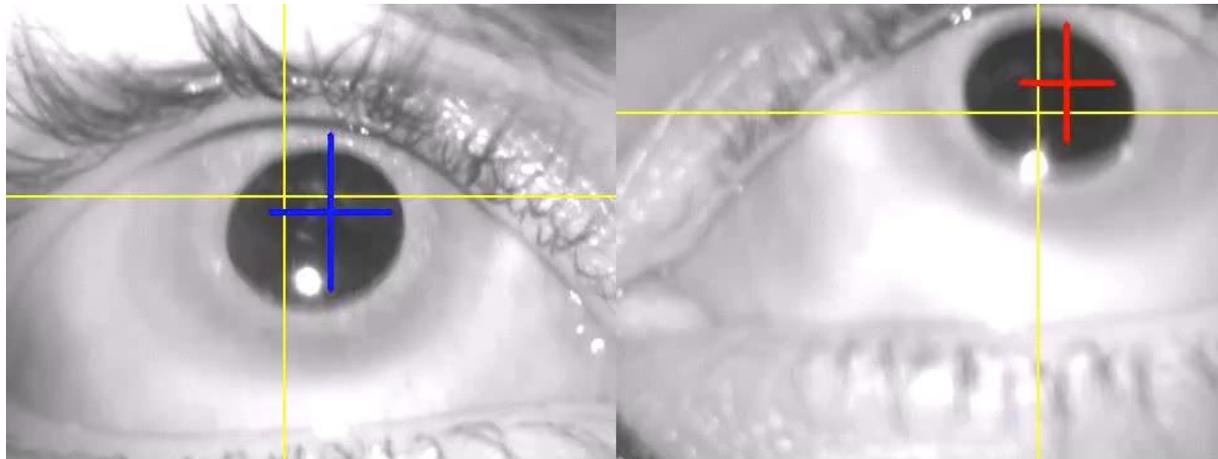
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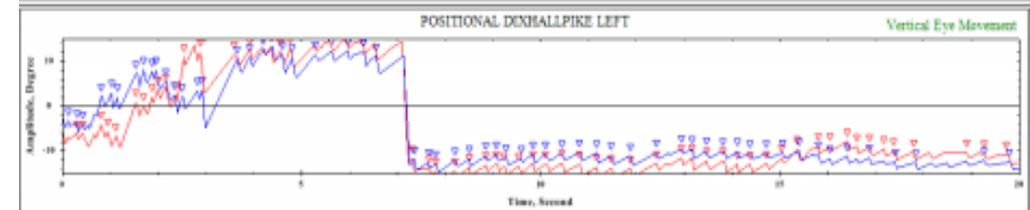
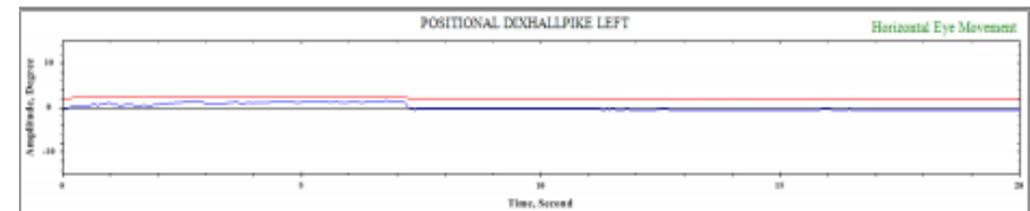
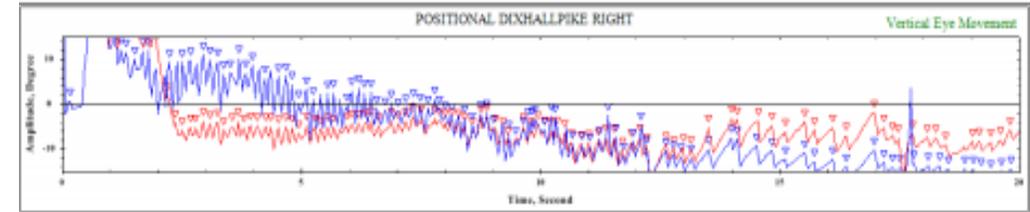
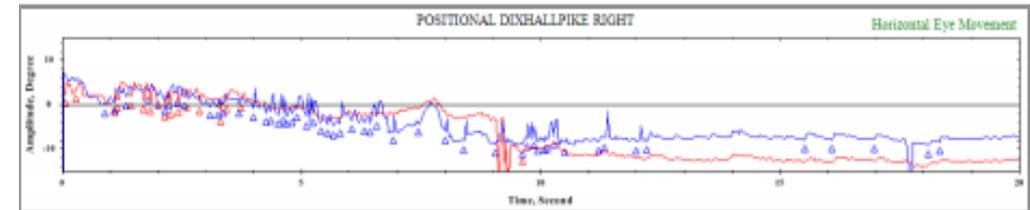
	Right Eye SPV(°/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(°/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Head Hanging Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Head Hanging Vertical	-23	26	-23	20



POSITIONAL NYSTAGMUS : ATYPICAL / CENTRAL



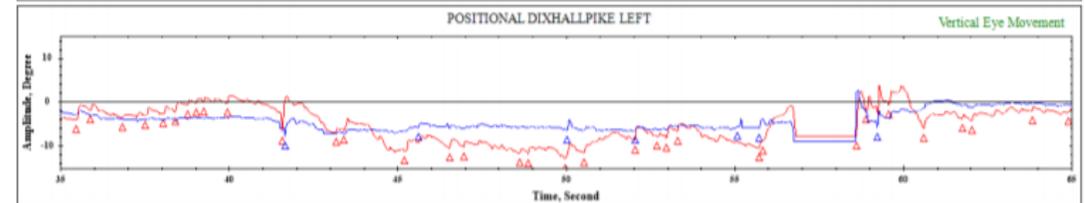
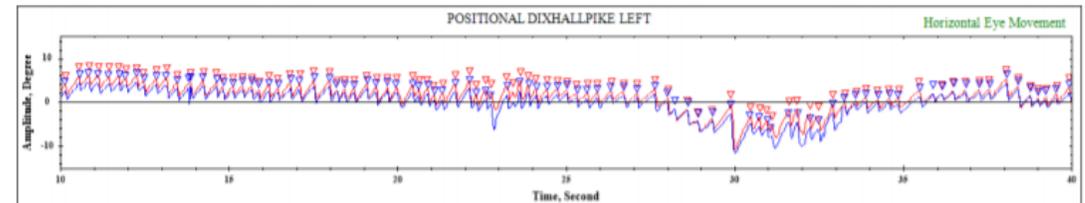
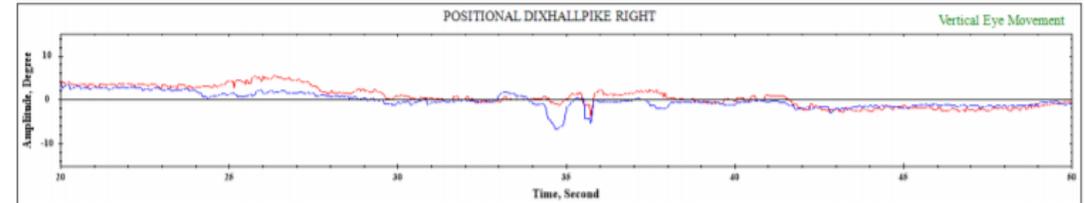
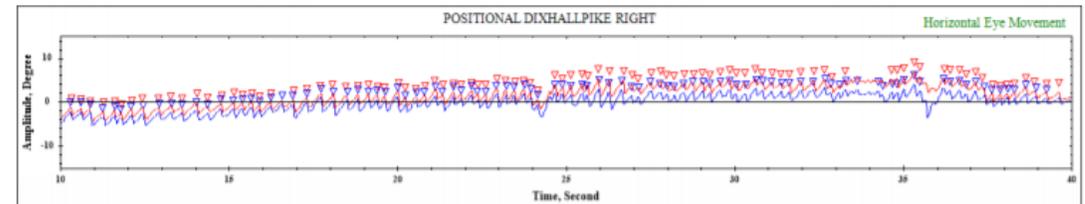
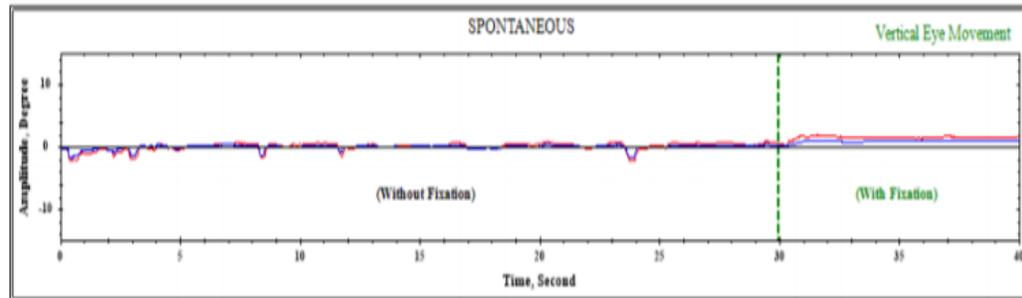
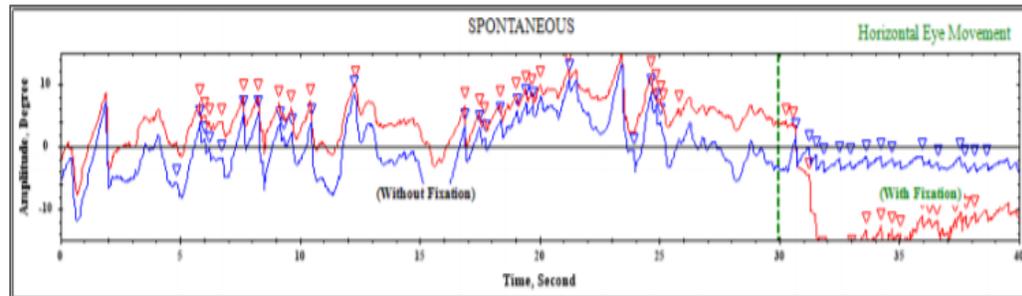
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Dix-Hallpike Right Horizontal	-33	16	-34	53
Dix-Hallpike Right Vertical	34	100	56	98
Dix-Hallpike Left Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Vertical	18	62	15	60



Spontaneous Nystagmus : Superimposed on all positional tests

Nystagmus Direction	Right Eye SPV (/sec)	Right Eye Beats/30 sec	Left Eye SPV (/sec)	Left Eye Beats/30 sec
Horizontal Left Beating	10	25	14	25
Horizontal Right Beating	0	0	0	0
Vertical Up Beating	0	0	0	0
Vertical Down Beating	0	0	0	0

	Right Eye SPV(/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Dix-Hallpike Right Horizontal	11	186	11	191
Dix-Hallpike Right Vertical	0	0	0	0
Dix-Hallpike Left Horizontal	13	221	15	208
Dix-Hallpike Left Vertical	-13	65	-11	12





ABILITY TO DETECT ATYPICAL NYSTAGMUS

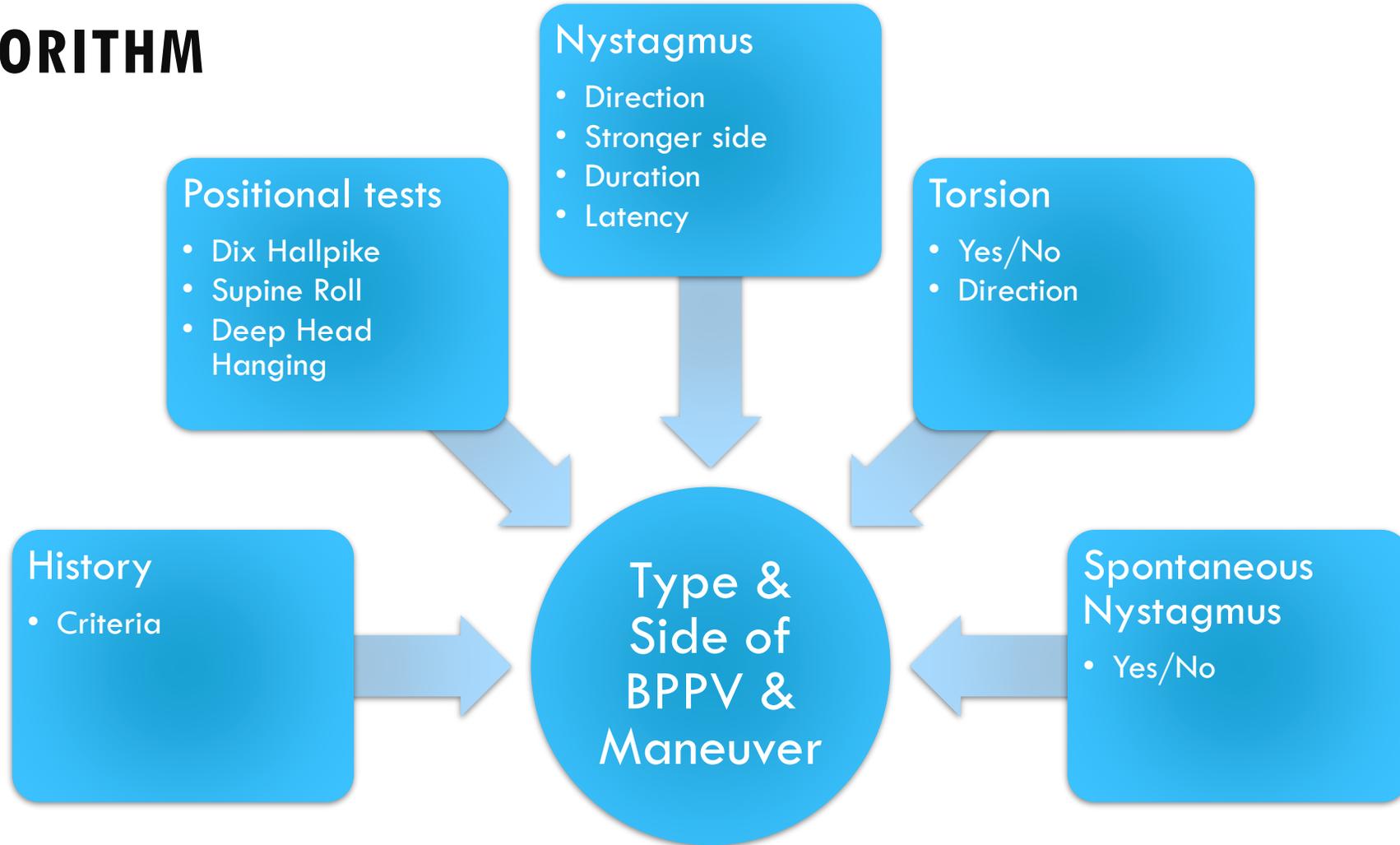
Horizontal in D-H

Torsional on Supine head roll

Direction changing

Non-fatiguable

ALGORITHM

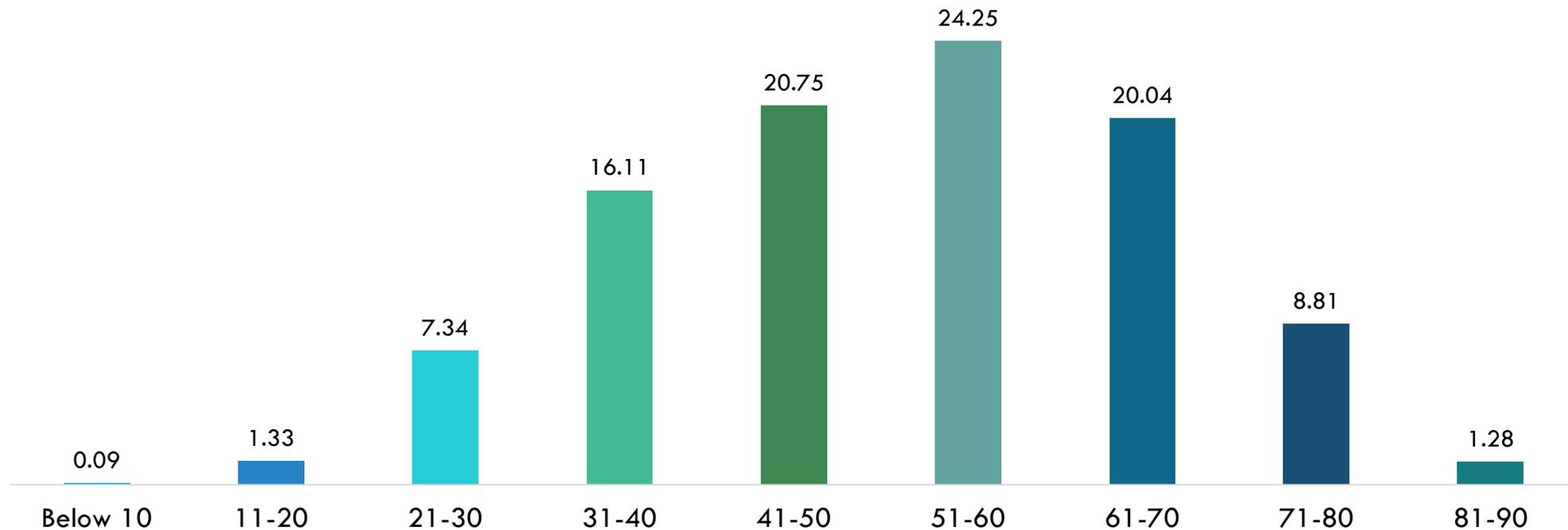


OUR EXPERIENCE : 1388 BPPV PATIENTS IN 1 YEAR

Type of BPPV	No. of pts.	%
PC- Long Arm Canalithiasis	795	57.3 %
PC- Short Arm Canalithiasis	8	0.6 %
PC Downbeating	139	10.0 %
PC Cupulolithiasis	8	0.6 %
HC Canalithiasis	187	13.5 %
HC Cupulolithiasis	110	7.9 %
AC	89	6.4 %
Multicanal	52	3.7 %

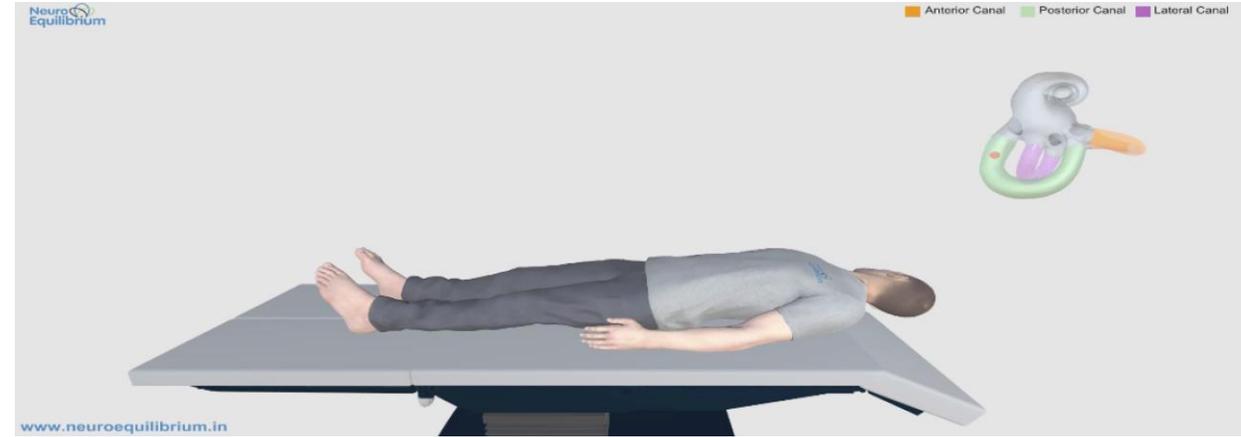
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Percent



BPPV SIMULATOR

- 3D computer generated model of the labyrinth
- Enables placement of the debris
- Demonstrates how movement of the head influences orientation of each canal and how the debris will then move
- Any maneuver can be incorporated
- Principles of gravity and fluid dynamics govern debris movement
- The 3D model can also be imported from CT scan



HOW SIMULATION CAN HELP

- Illustrating sequence of events during repositioning
- Enabling to optimize angulation and positions for repositioning
- Understanding multi-canal BPPV treatment
- Explaining why maneuver may be ineffective
- What happens when a wrong maneuver is done
- Canal switch
- Development of future maneuvers



THE FUTURE IS HERE

**THANK
YOU**



GENDER PREVALENCE

Total number of patients – 2111

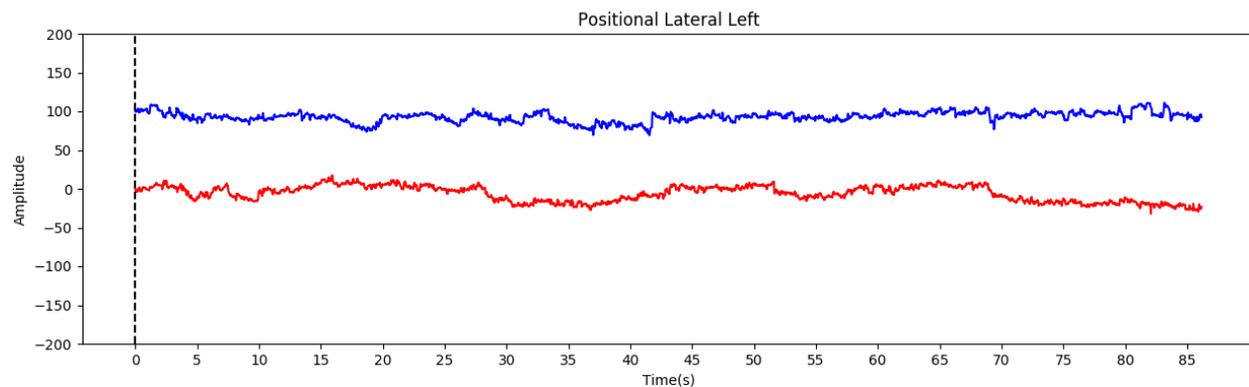
Gender	Number of patients	Percent (%)
Males	950	45
Females	1161	55

HORIZONTAL – APOGEOTROPIC NYSTAGMUS

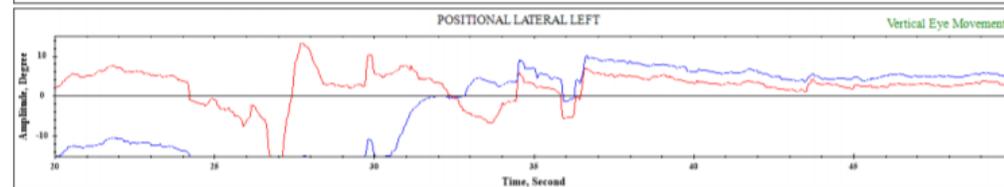
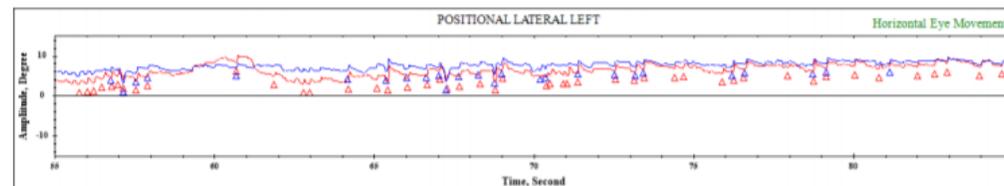
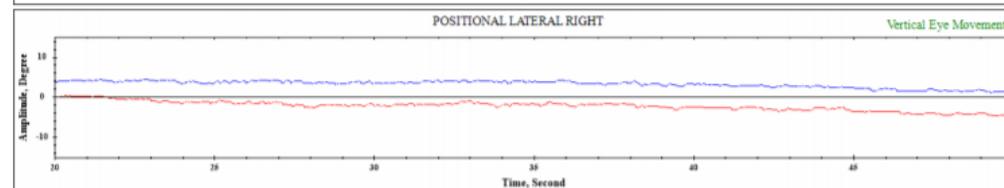
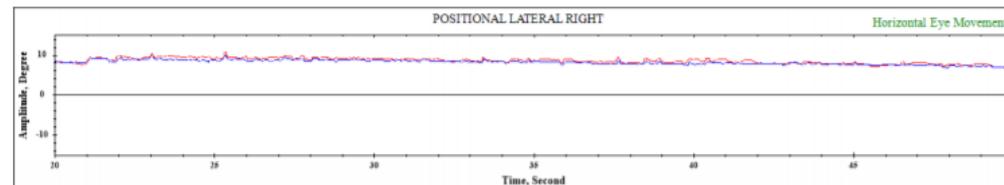
Lateral Left



No torsion

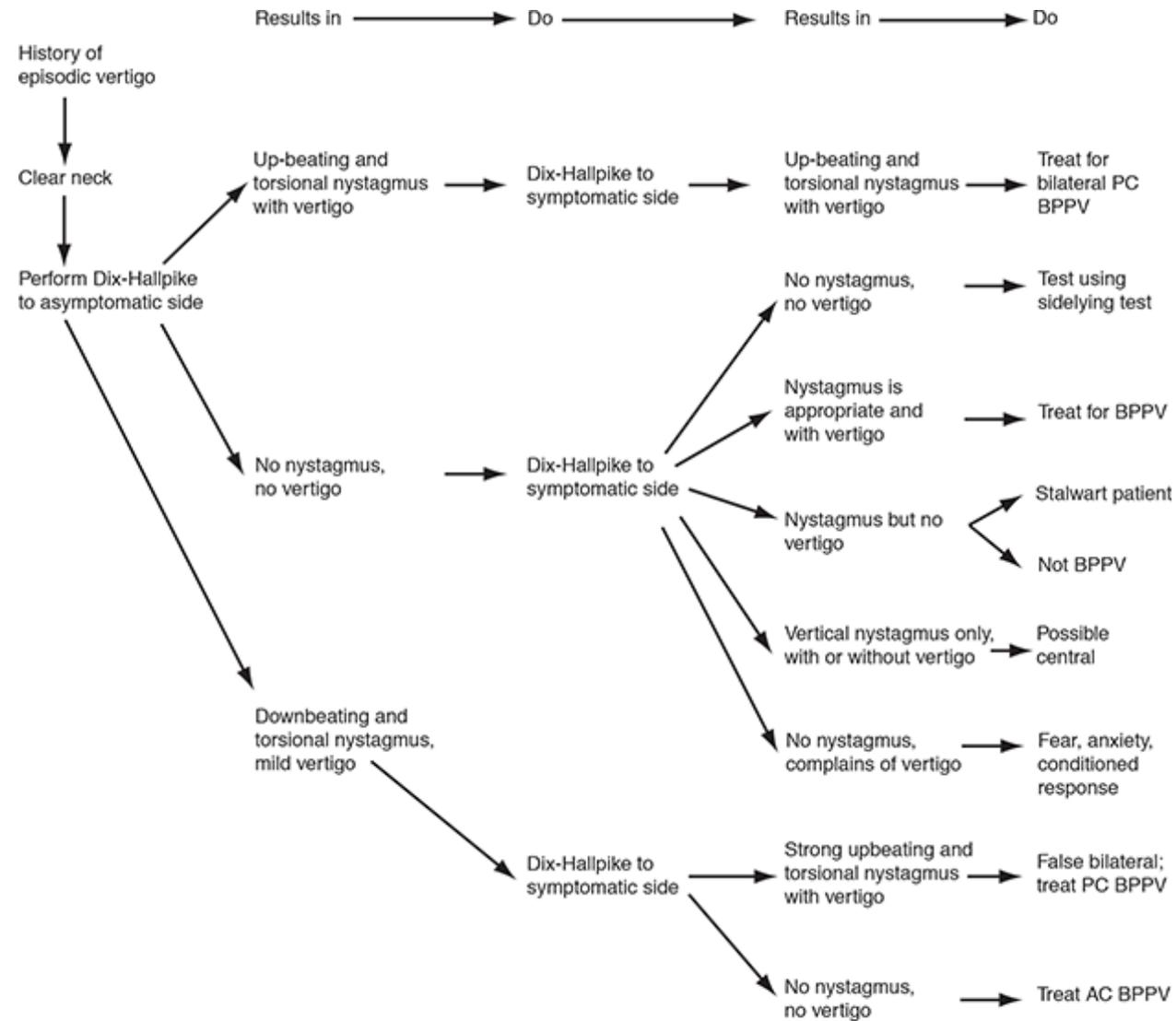


	Right Eye SPV(°/sec)	Right Eye Beats	Left Eye SPV(°/sec)	Left Eye Beats
Lateral Right Horizontal	0	0	0	0
Lateral Right Vertical	0	0	0	0
Lateral Left Horizontal	-15	90	-17	61
Lateral Left Vertical	0	0	0	0



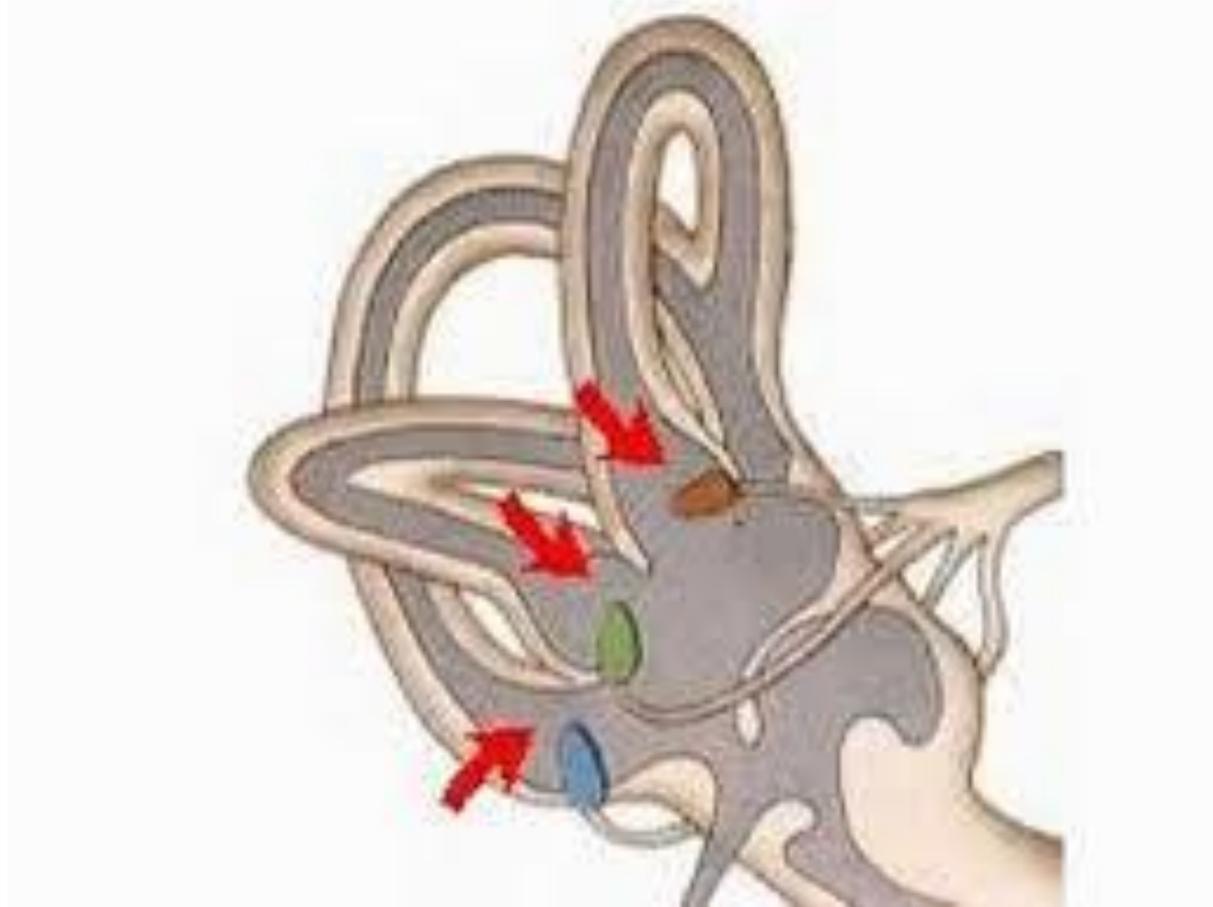


The movement of the conglomerate causes an ampullofugal or ampullopetal deflection of the endolymph depending on the direction of sedimentation and thus leads to a stimulation or inhibition of the vestibular hair cells. This model of the pathomechanism of BPPV can predict the direction, latency, duration and fatigability of the typical nystagmus, as well as changes in these parameters after head manoeuvres.



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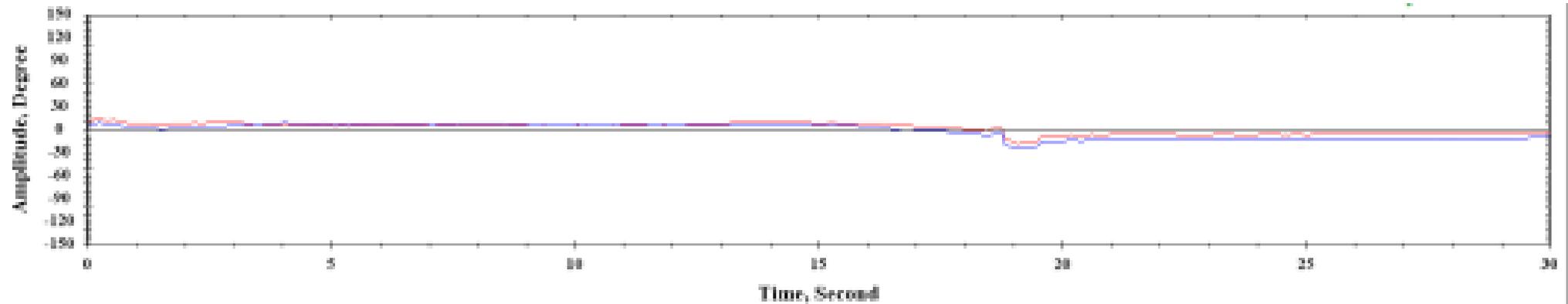
CUPULA PLACEMENT



POSTERIOR SEMICIRCULAR CANAL

Type	Diagnosis	Treatment
Short Arm Canalithiasis	Only vertigo in positional movements but no nystagmus on Dix Hallpike dubbed as BPPV type 2 or subjective BPPV	Brisk Epley
Long Arm Canalithiasis	Classical ipsitorsional upbeat nystagmus localized to the side of the Dix Hallpike with latent period and fatigue after 1 minute and reversal of direction on sitting	Epley
Cupulolithiasis	Like long arm but with shortened latency and prolonged duration of more than a minute and severe intense vertigo	Semont
PSCC Downbeat	Possibly from common crux without any torsional component; with contralateral torsion could be a cupulolithiasis	Yacovino

SHORT ARM



POSITIONAL DIXHALLPIKE RIGHT

Vertical Eye Movement

