Diabetic Mellitus Retinopathy Complication Screening in Tuen Mun Community Care Centre: 3 Wins Situation

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Community Care Centre (CCC)

- PATIENTS EMPOWERMENT
- CLINICAL SERVICES

CCC



CCC – Health Talks



CCC – Patients' Support Group



CCC – Self Help Corner



CCC – Clinical Services

- Clinics
 - Family Medicine Medical Triage Clinic
 - Hypertension Clinic
 - Back Clinic (by Physiotherapists)
 - P & O Foot Care Clinic (by P & O)

CCC – Retinal Photo for Diabetic Patients



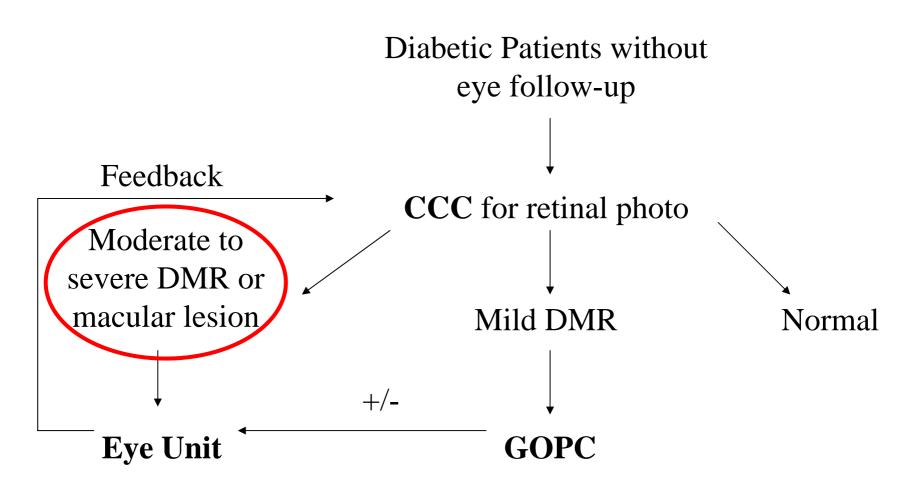
Diabetic Retinopathy Screening -Training

Operation on retinal camera
– To both doctors and nurses

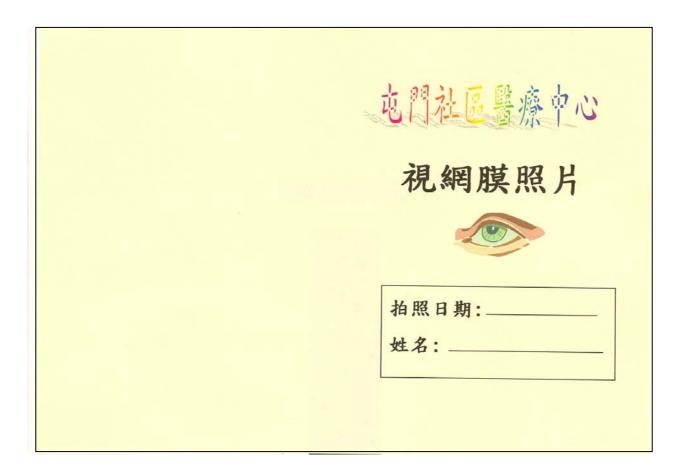
Diabetic Retinopathy Screening -Training

- 2 Workshops with Ophthalmologists
 - How to interpret retinal photo
 - Grading system on DMR
 - Referral guidelines
 - -Case discussion
 - -Reply system

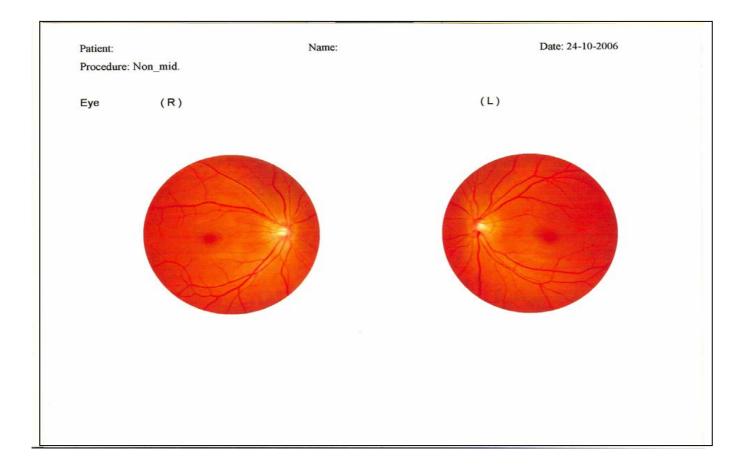
Diabetic Retinopathy Screening – Referral Logistics



Patient-held Retinal Photo Record



Sample of Retinal Photo



Reply Letter

(Tuen Mun Commu	Name:	
	Sex/Age:	
	ID:	
	(Gum label)	
Diagnosis :		
Treatment :		
	From :	
	(M.O. of eye clinic)	
	Date :	

Study - Objectives

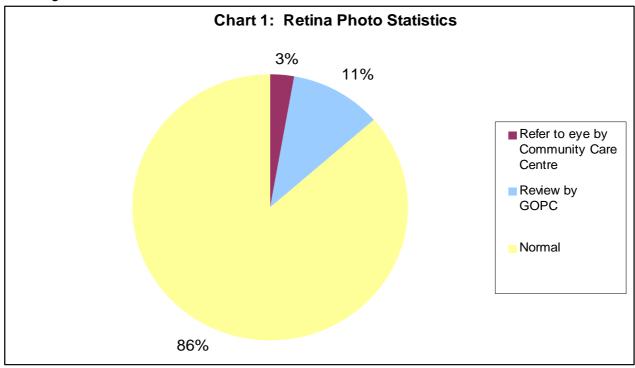
- To evaluate whether the direct referral to ophthalmology unit is appropriate or not
- To study the treatment or investigation done for the appropriate referral cases

Study - Method

- Descriptive
- Period: Nov 2005 to Dec 2007
- Target: Cases referred by CCC to eye directly
- Finding of retinal photo reported by doctors in CCC was compared with the diagnosis replied by ophthalmologists
- If the finding was compatible with the diagnosis made by ophthalmologists, we would further assess if any treatment or further investigations were done

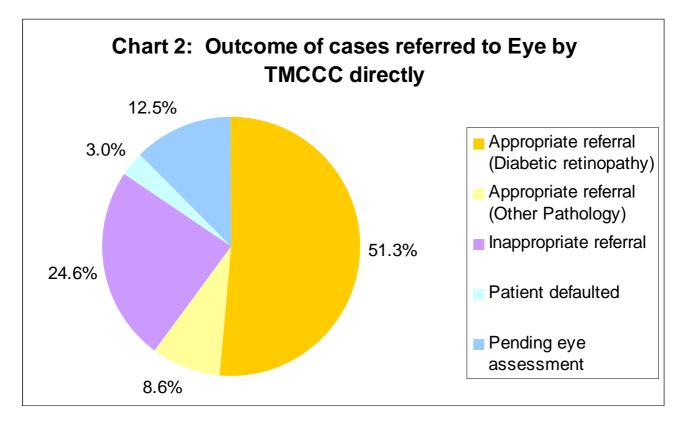
Study - Result

- Total retinal photos taken: 8071
- 232 patients (3%) were referred to Eye Unit directly

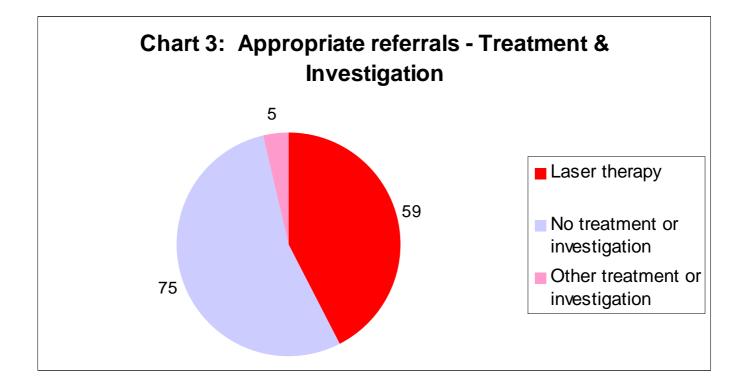


Study - Result

• Appropriate referrals: 139 patients (59.9%)



Study - Result



Conclusion

- The result showed that family physicians were competent in reading retinal photo
- Based on the finding, we were also able to make correct referrals
- This Community Program created to a **3 Wins situation**

Conclusion – 3 Wins

- Patients
 - Annual screening for diabetic retinopathy
 - Early screening for diabetic retinopathy
 - Early referral & intervention
- Family physicians
 - Gain experience in reading retinal photo
- Ophthalmologists
 - Reduce burden

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Question & Answer Session