

# **EYLEA<sup>®</sup> (aflibercept) for the Treatment of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)**

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# Introduction

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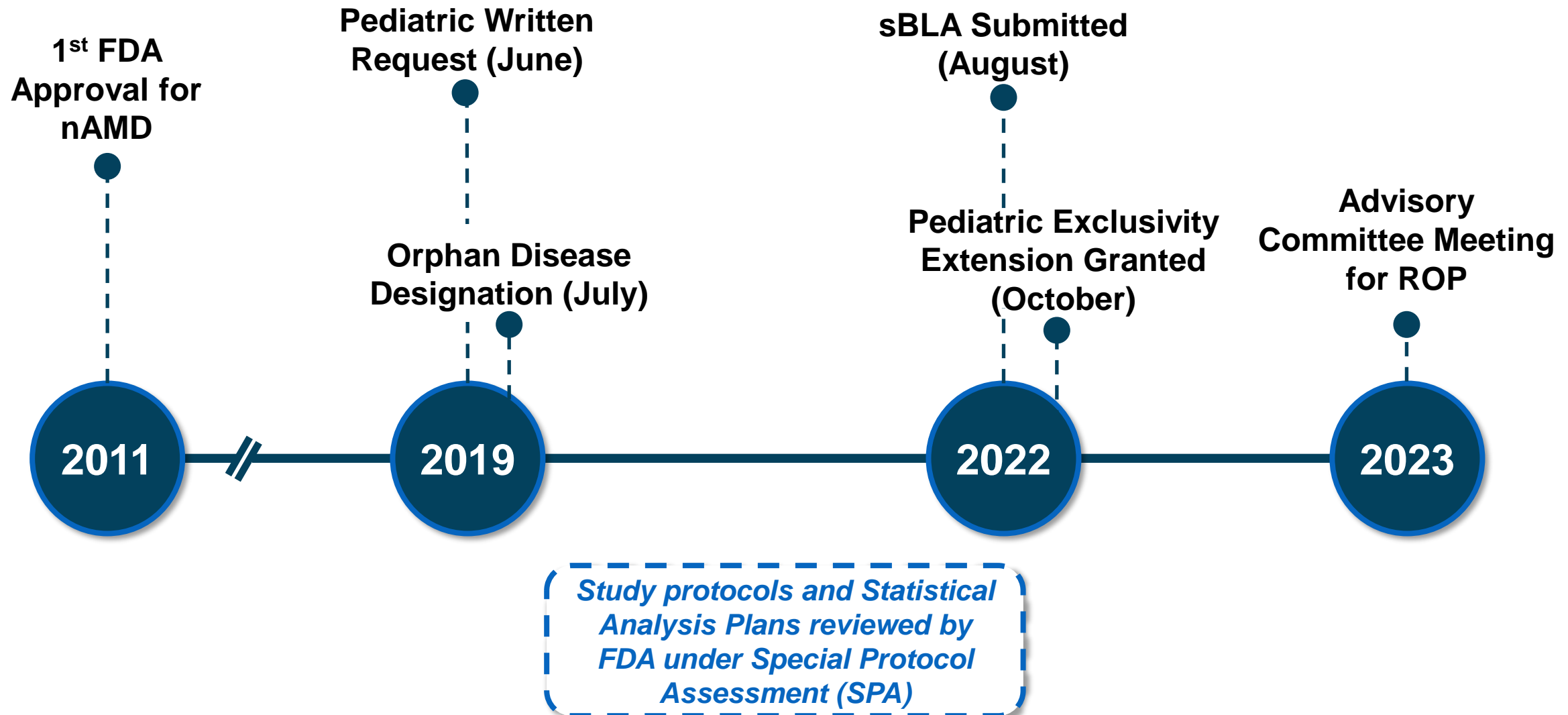
# Aflibercept (EYLEA®): FDA and Globally Approved Anti-VEGF

- Current US adult indications for aflibercept 2 mg
  - Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (nAMD)
  - Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (MEfRVO)
  - Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
  - Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)
- Authorized outside US in > 100 countries
- Regulatory decisions regarding EYLEA in ROP
  - Approved for ROP in Japan (2022)
  - Approved for ROP in European Union (2022)

# Role of VEGF in ROP is Well Understood

- Vascularization of retina occurs late in gestation
  - Completion occurs shortly before 39 – 40 weeks
- Premature birth interrupts normal retinal development
- Avascularized, ischemic retina upregulates VEGF and other related cytokines
- Overexpression of VEGF leads to pathologic neovascularization
- Aflibercept binds to VEGF preventing activation of VEGF receptors and halting the formation of abnormal blood vessels

# Aflibercept for ROP Regulatory History



# Indication and Recommended Dose

***Aflibercept 0.4 mg administered by intravitreal injection for the treatment of retinopathy of prematurity***

# Totality of Data Supports Aflibercept for Premature Infants with ROP

## Unmet Need

- ✓ Severe vision impairing disease
- ✓ No approved pharmacologic agents in US
- ✓ Only FDA-cleared laser therapy

## Efficacy

- ✓ Aflibercept offers meaningful clinical and practical benefits
- ✓ Clinical trial data build on data from increasing off-label anti-VEGF use

## Safety

- ✓ Acceptable safety profile in pediatric population and > 10 years of FDA approved use in adult indications

# Importance of Updated Eylea Labeling and Communication to Providers and Caregivers

- As part of FDA's pediatric written request, ROP clinical trial data will be included in Eylea label
  - Labeling important tool to inform physicians of proper use and dosing
- Approval allows for proactive education on appropriate patient follow-up for prescribers
- Regulated pharmacovigilance to monitor and report ongoing safety
- Long-term follow-up, through 5 years of age, underway



# Agenda

## Unmet Need

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# Disease Background and Unmet Need

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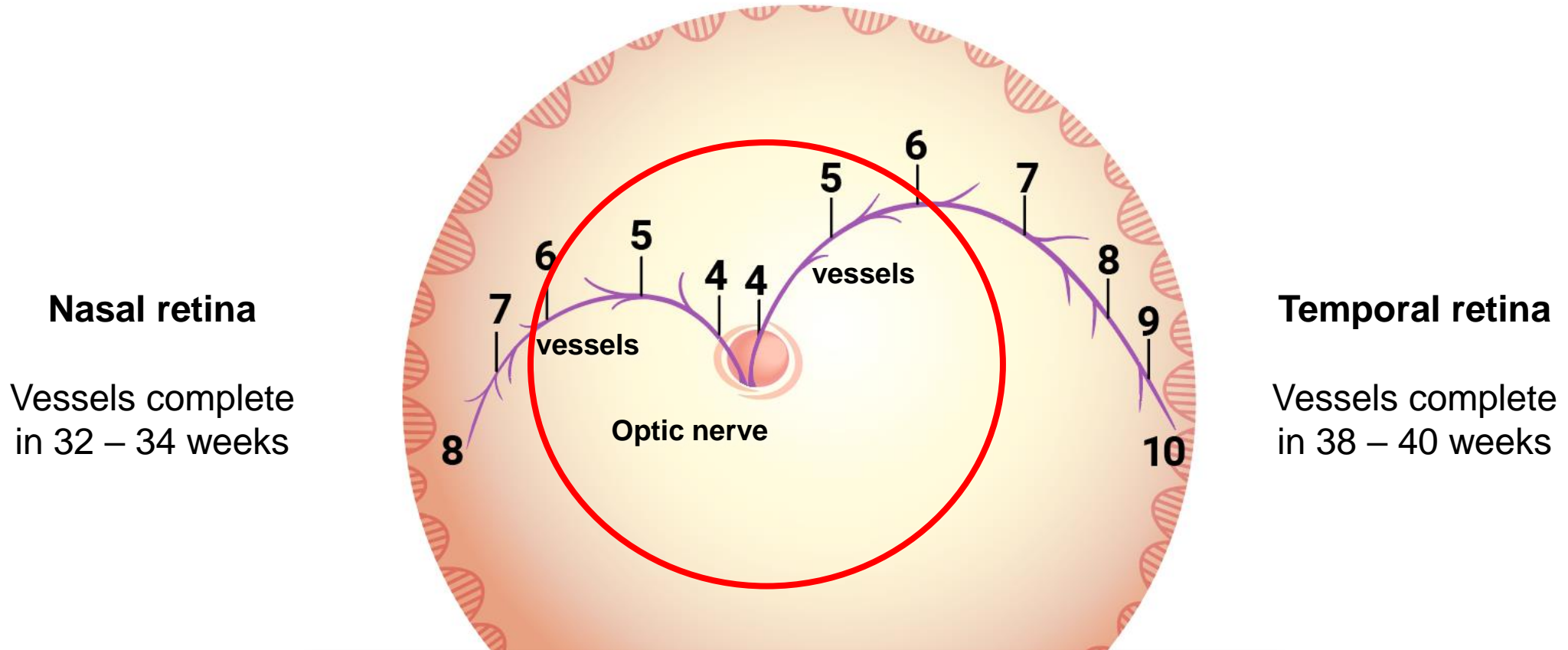
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# Retinopathy of Prematurity: A Rare, Vision-Impairing, and Potentially Blinding Retinal Disease

- A leading cause of preventable childhood blindness worldwide
  - Incidence increasing due to improved survival of extremely premature newborns
- Incomplete development of peripheral retina vascularization leads to ischemia and production of VEGF
  - Neovascularization
  - Potential retinal detachment
- ~1500 babies per year require treatment
  - Born < 32 weeks' gestational age
  - Weighing < 1500 grams (3.3 lbs)

# Retinal Vascular Development Begins at 16 Weeks Gestation

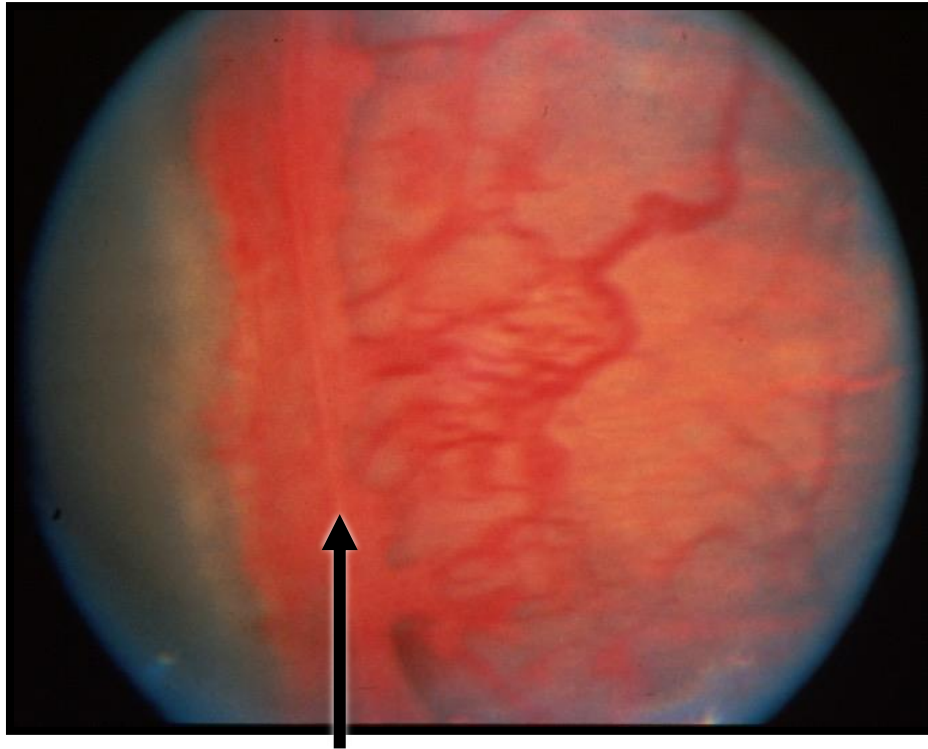


**Blood vessel growth by month from optic nerve toward periphery**

# Treatment is Needed if ROP is Severe

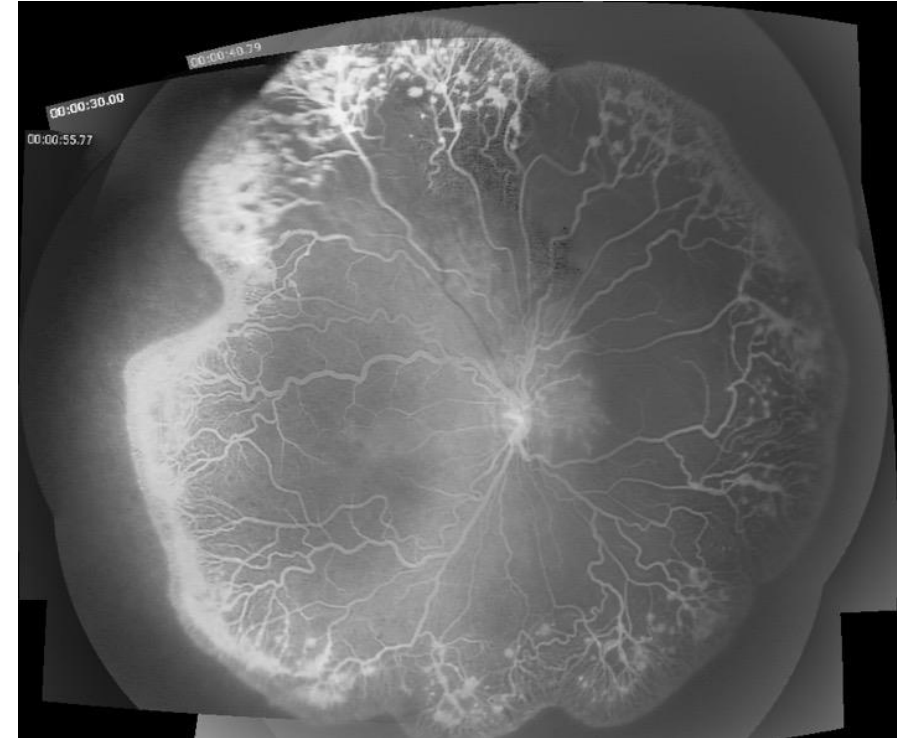
## Retinas with ROP

Photography



**Blood vessel growth  
stimulated by VEGF**

Angiography



# Classification of ROP: International Classification of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ICROP)

Location in  
the eye

**Zone**

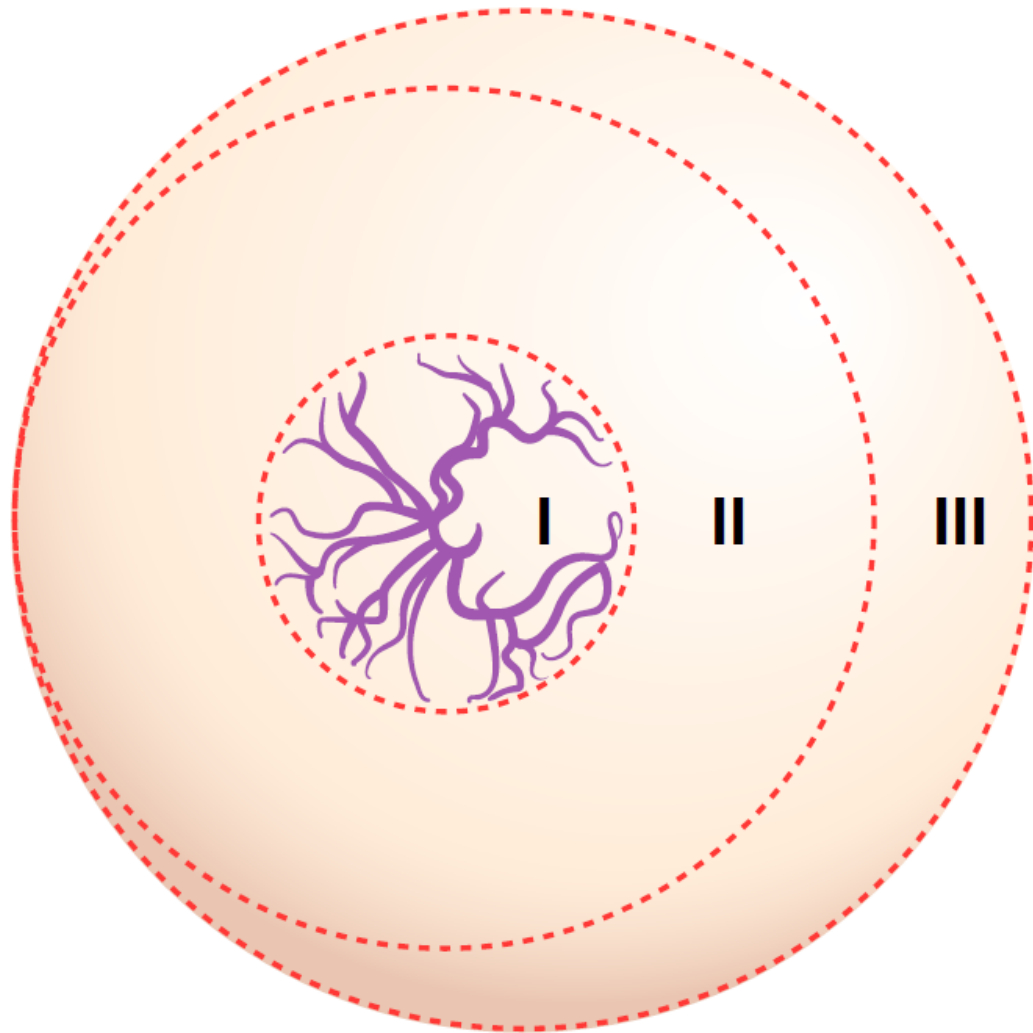
Severity

**Stage**

Vascular dilation,  
tortuosity

**Plus  
Disease**

# Classification of ROP: Zone Location



## **Zone I**

Most posterior  
Most severe

## **Zone II**

Most common

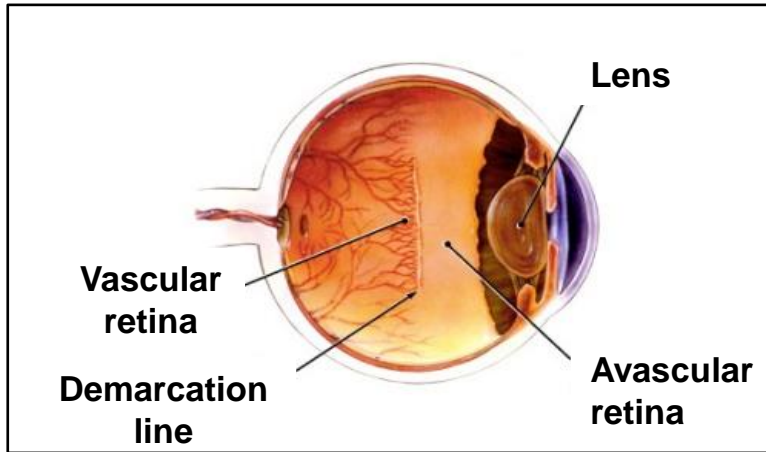
## **Zone III**

Most peripheral  
Least severe

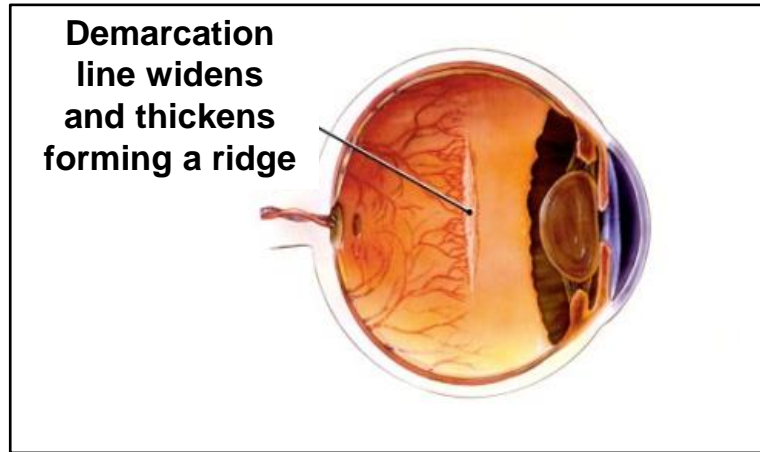


# Classification of ROP: Stages of Severity

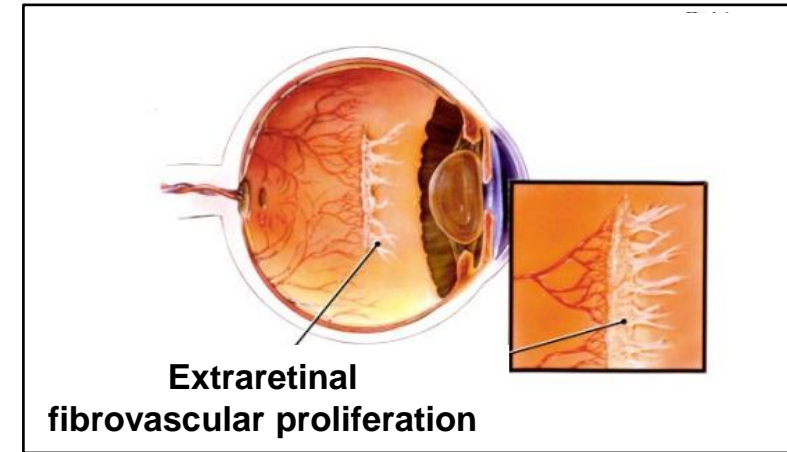
## Stage 1: Thin Demarcation Line



## Stage 2: Thicker Ridge



## Stage 3: Extraretinal Fibrovascular Proliferation



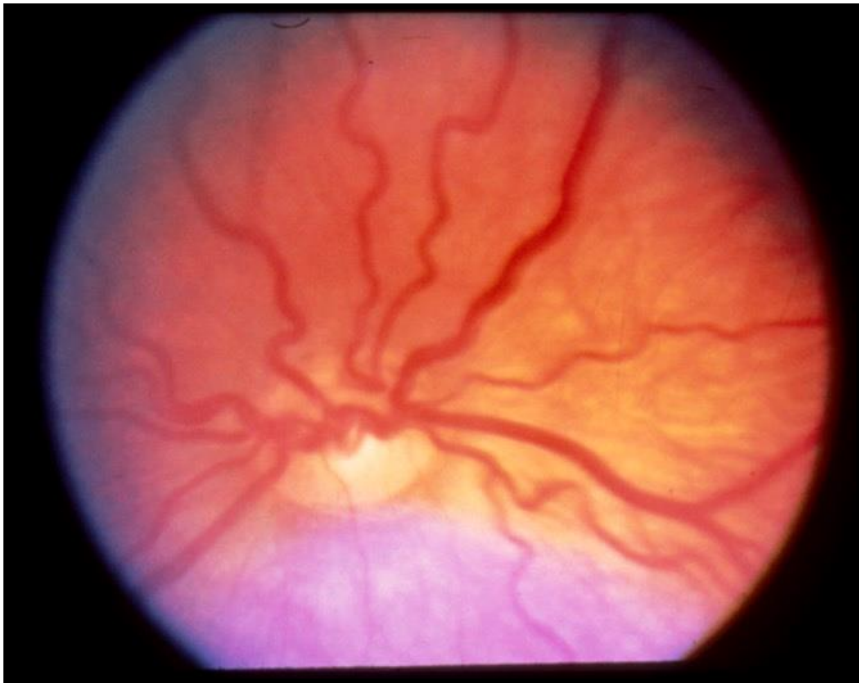
## Stage 4: Partial Retinal Detachment

## Stage 5: Total Retinal Detachment

Extensive surgery often required

# ROP Classification: Plus Disease

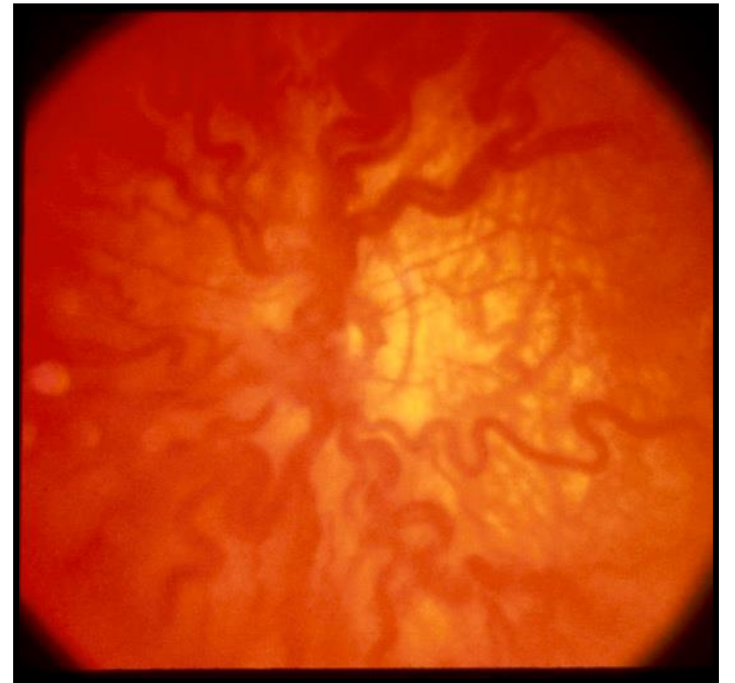
**Mild Plus Disease (+)**



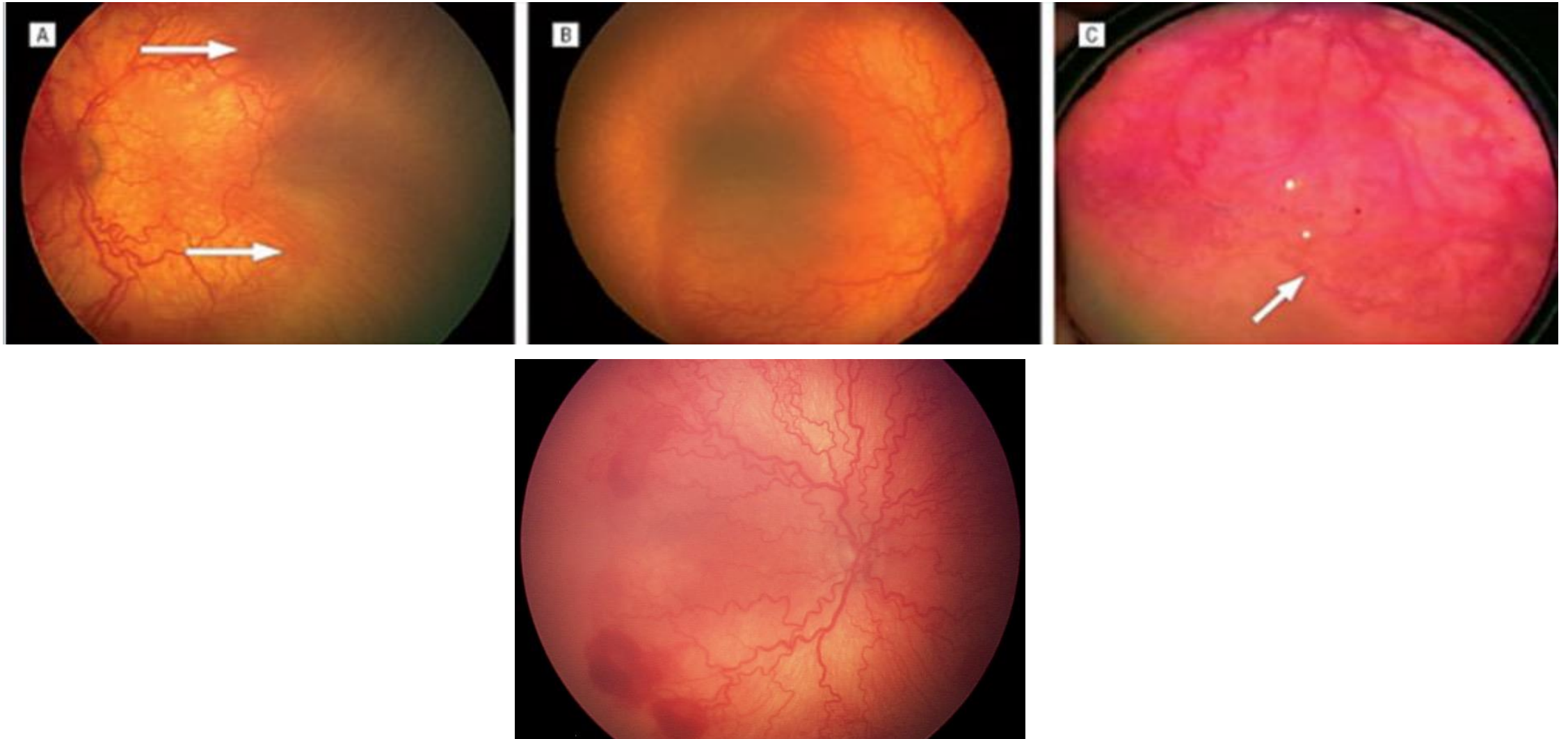
**Moderate Plus Disease (+)**



**Severe Plus Disease (+)**



# ROP Classification: AP-ROP



# Treatment-Requiring ROP (Type 1)

## Zone I

Stage 1+, 2+, 3,  
or 3+

or AP-ROP

## Zone II

Stage 2+  
or 3+

or AP-ROP

### Prompt treatment required to avoid

- Retinal detachment
- Extensive surgery
- Complications
- Blindness

# Limited Current Options for Patients with ROP

- Standard of care recognized<sup>1</sup>
  - Laser photocoagulation therapy
  - Off-label use of anti-VEGF
- National organizations acknowledge off-label use, potential benefits of anti-VEGF, recommendations for follow-up
- No pharmacologic agents currently approved in US



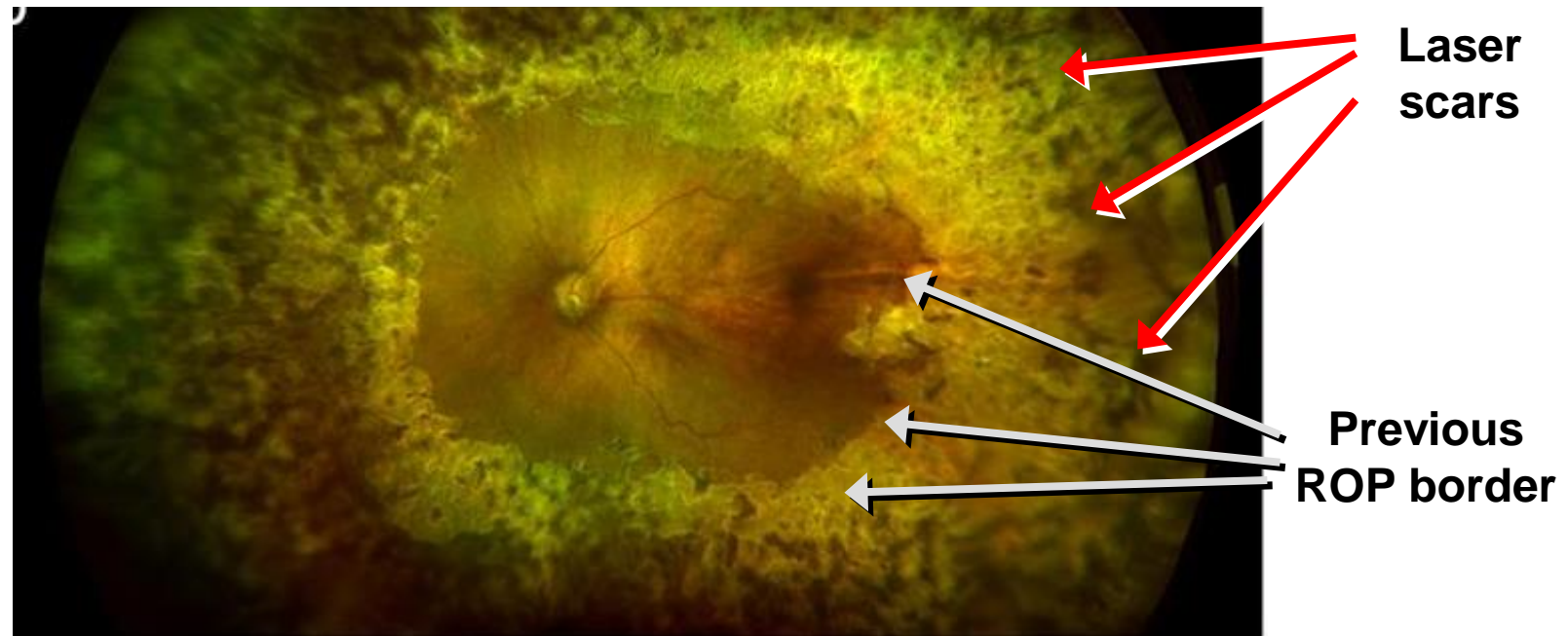
# Laser Photocoagulation

# Laser Photocoagulation is Effective but Comes with Challenges

- Typically requires prolonged sedation/general anesthesia and location designated for use
- Can limit access to care and require babies to be moved to specialized setting
- Extensive learning curve – improper administration leads to variable outcomes

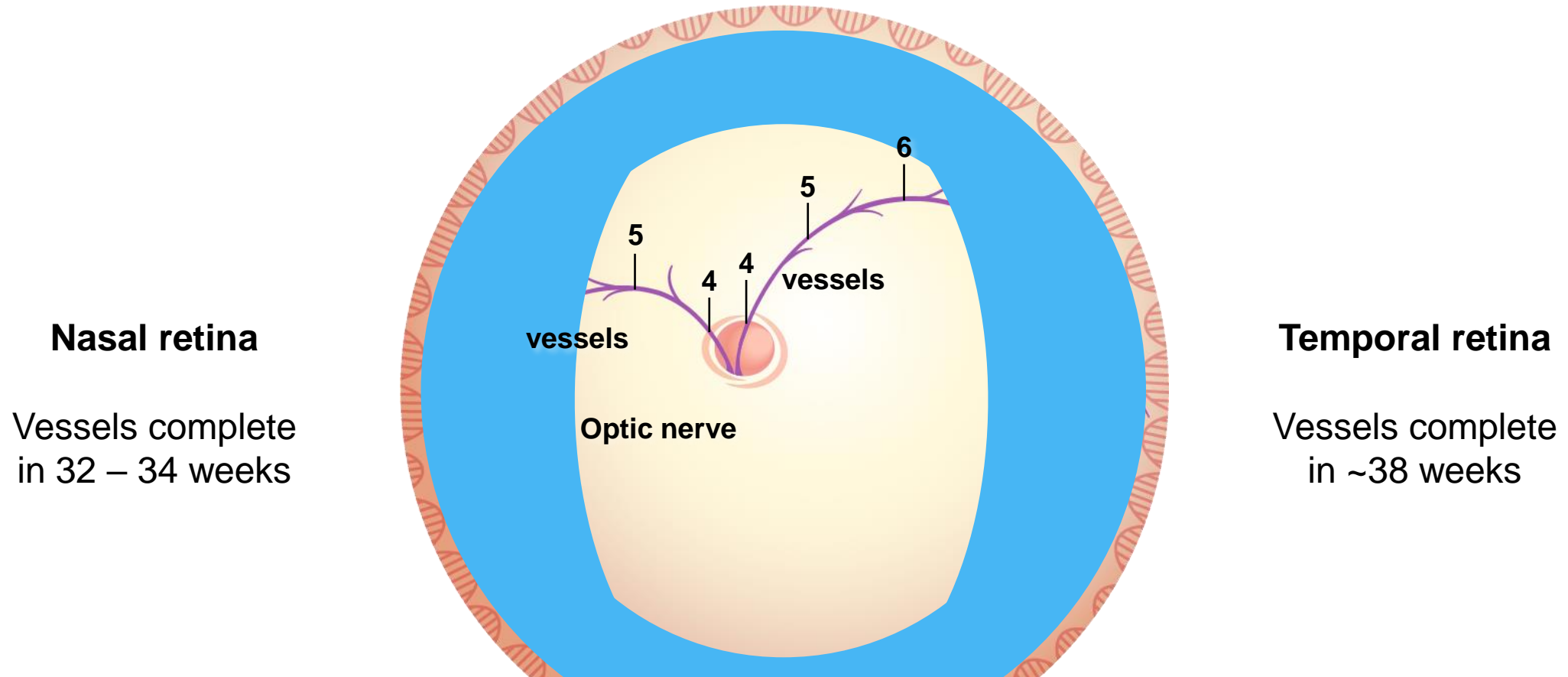
# Laser Therapy Inherently Destructive

- Results in loss of peripheral vision
- ~50% of patients develop high myopia<sup>1</sup>



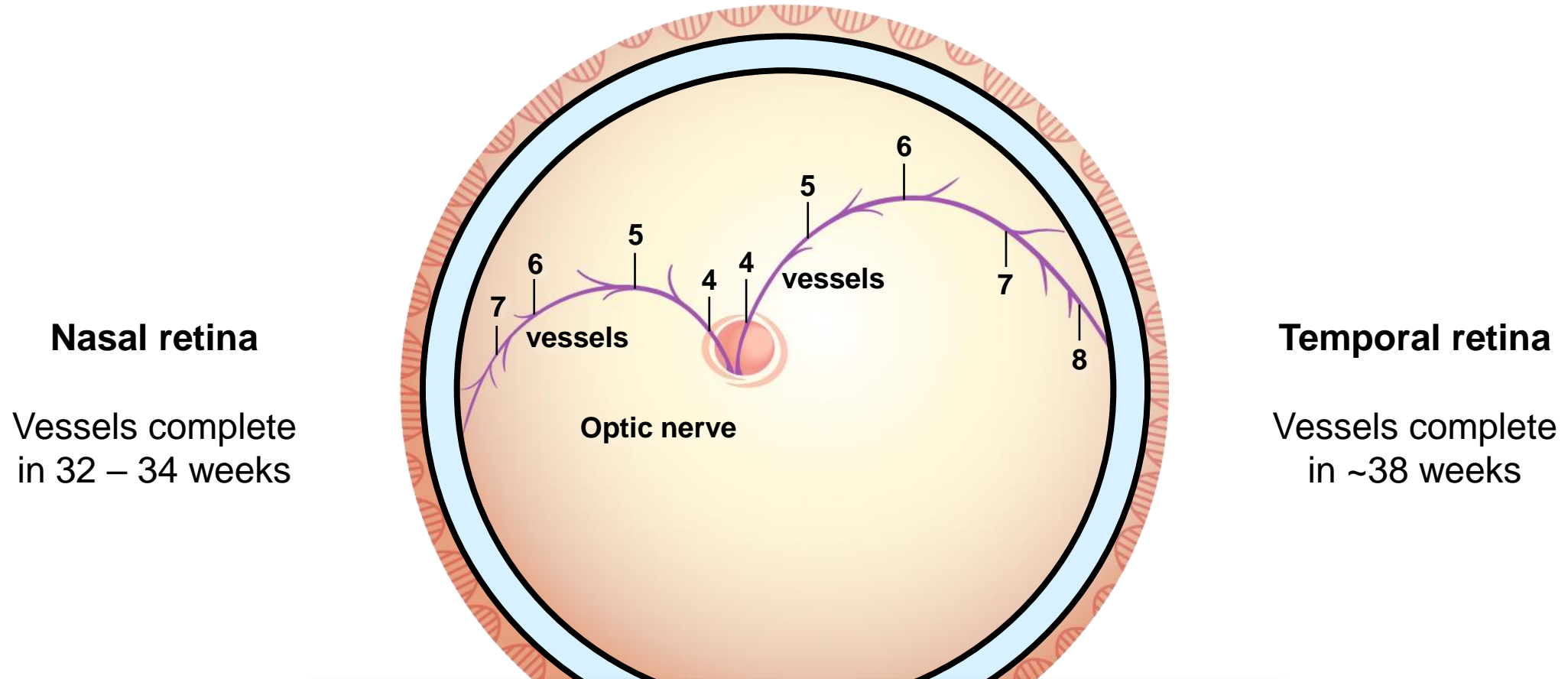


# Larger Portion of Retina Destroyed When Normal Vessels are Not Fully Developed



**Blood vessel growth by month from  
optic nerve toward periphery**

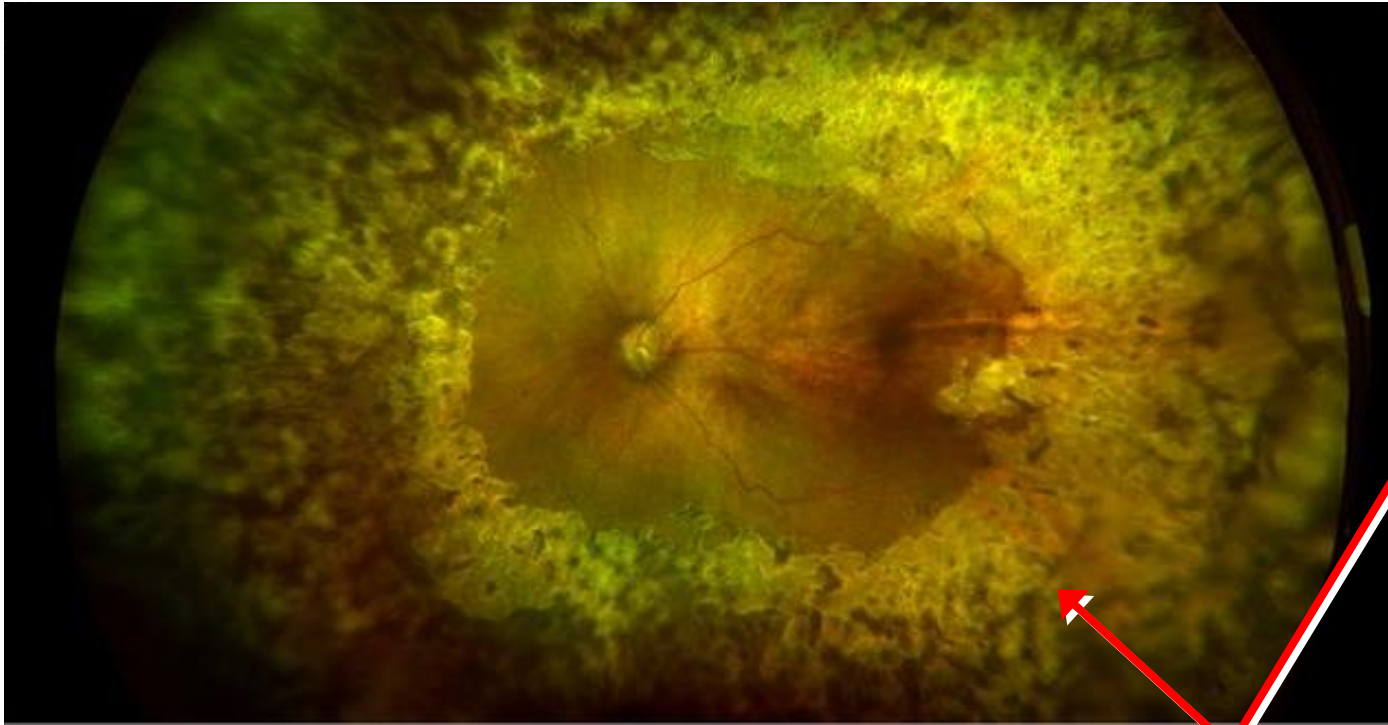
# Later Use of Laser Therapy, When Normal Vessels Fully Develop, Reduces Retinal Destruction



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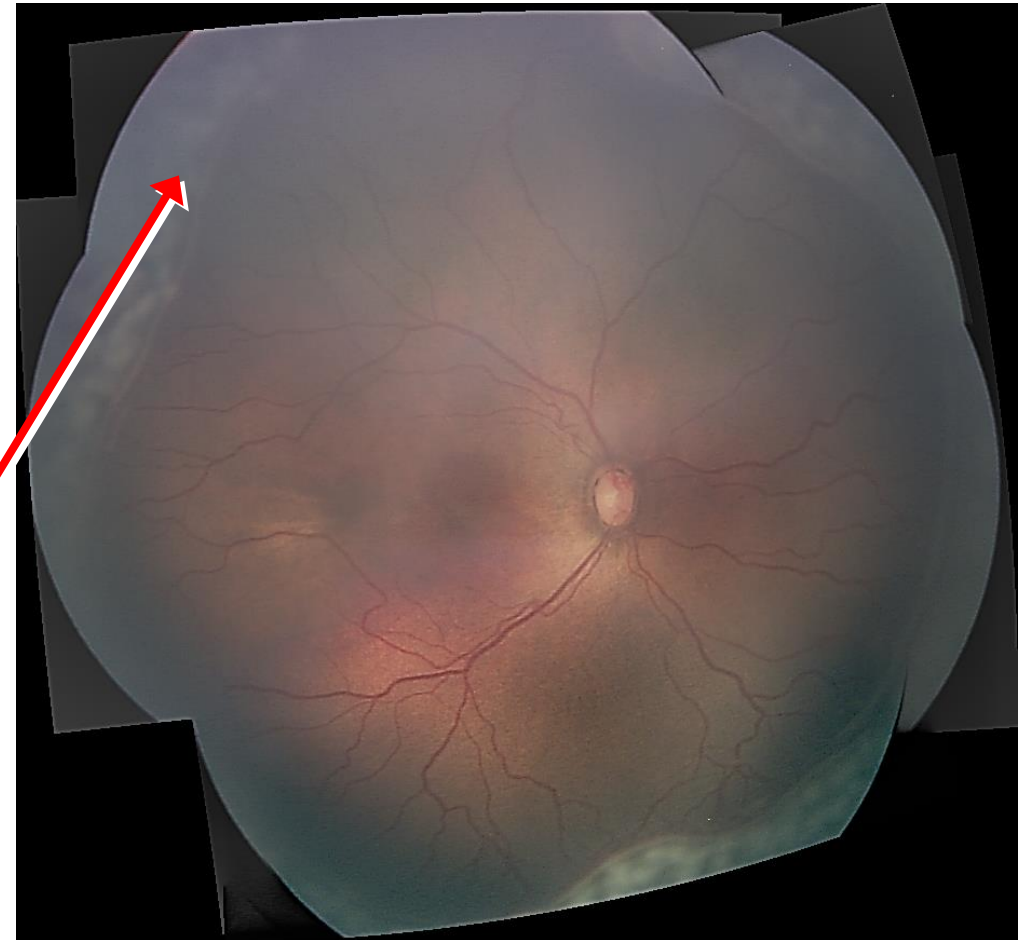
# Retinal Images After Laser Therapy: Less Post-Laser Scarring Achieved in Older Babies

Laser Treatment at 30 weeks



Laser  
scars

Laser Treatment at 38 weeks



# Laser Therapy Procedure is Extremely Challenging and Not Always Possible for Fragile Babies



- Surgeon focuses laser on retina
- Small head movements to direct laser
- Maintain stability of lens
- Foot pedal fires laser
- Repeat process 1500 – 2000 times

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# Off-Label Use of Anti-VEGF

# Promising Early Data Prompting Off-Label Anti-VEGF Use

- BEAT-ROP: bevacizumab (0.625 mg) vs laser therapy<sup>1</sup>
  - n=75 patients in both groups
  - Patients stratified by Zone I or II
  - Duration: ~20 weeks of follow-up
  - Significant treatment difference in Zone I, comparable in Zone II
- RAINBOW: ranibizumab vs laser therapy<sup>2</sup>
  - 0.1 mg (n=77), 0.2 mg (n=74), laser (n=74)
  - Duration: 24 weeks of follow-up
  - Ranibizumab (0.2 mg): 80% success rate

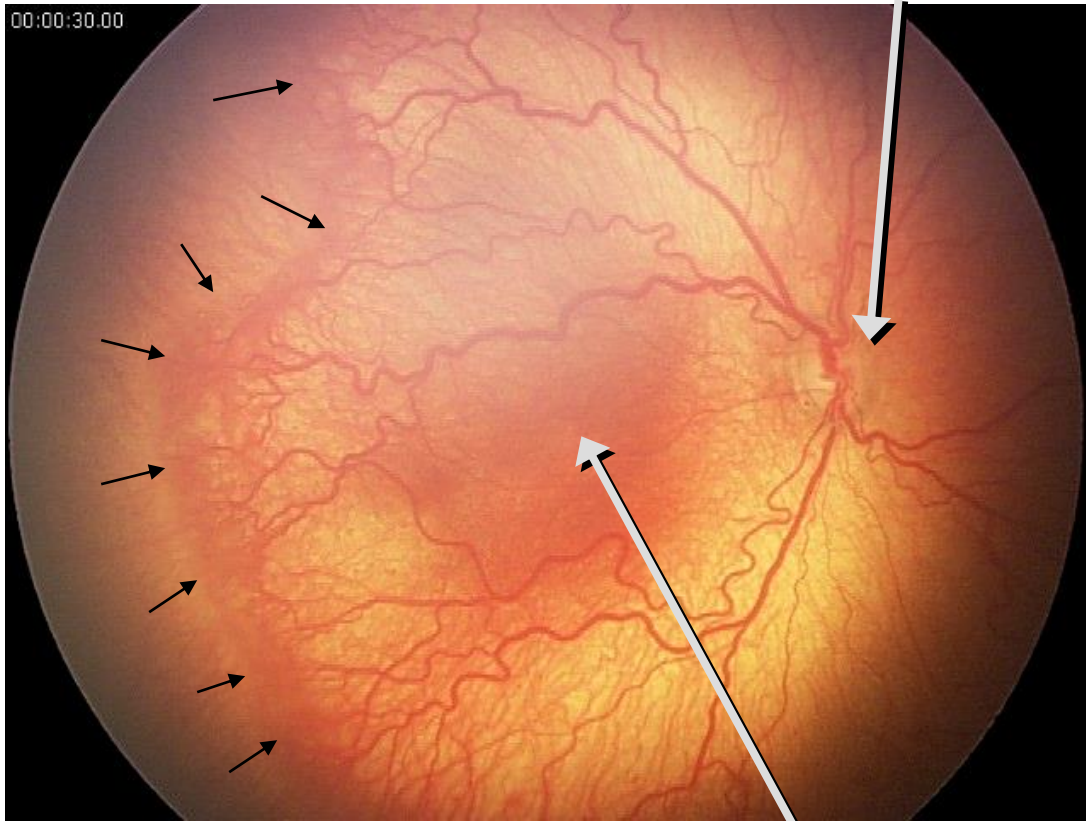


# Advantages of Anti-VEGF for ROP

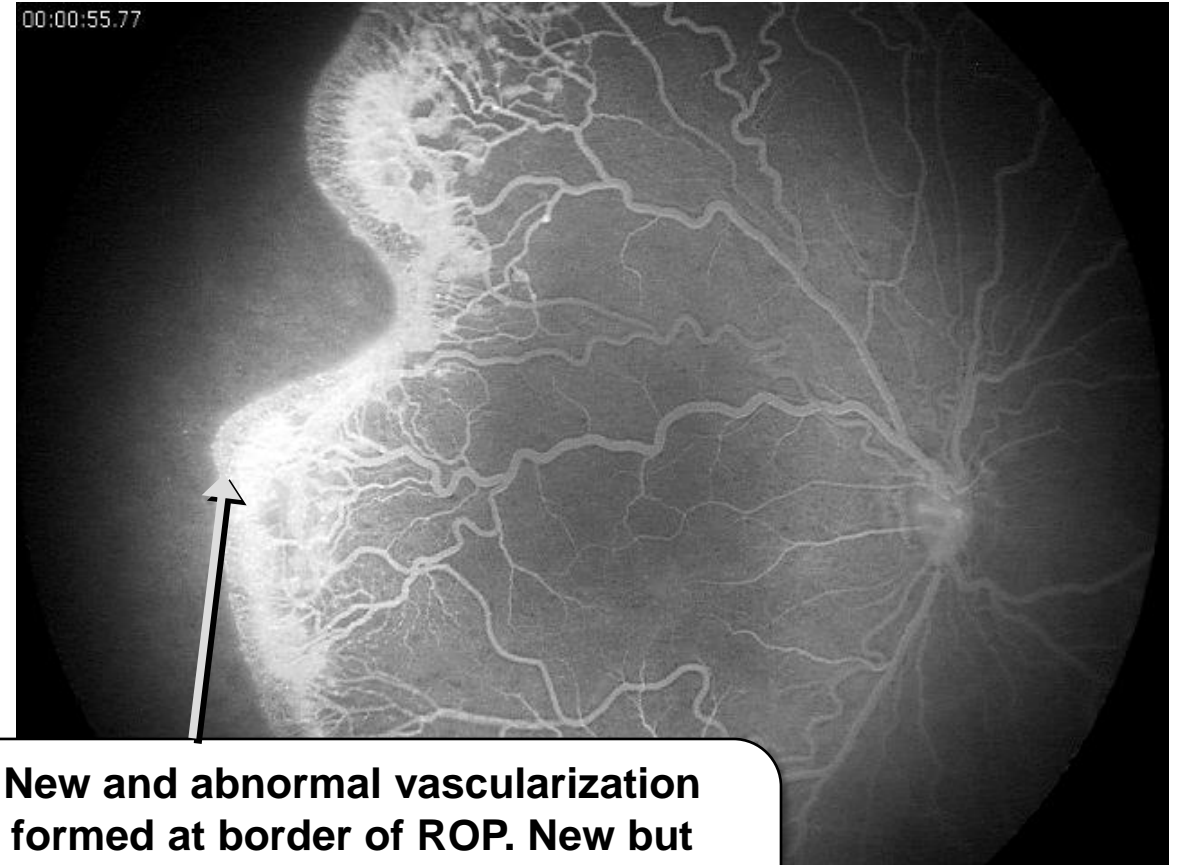
- Rapid neutralization of VEGF
- Rapid effect needed in AP-ROP
- Quick procedure, typically with only topical anesthesia
- Administered at bedside
- Administered even with poor pupil dilation
- Preservation of visual field
- Less high myopia
- Promotes growth of normal vasculature while shrinking growth of abnormal vessels

# Patient with Significant ROP Requiring Treatment: Zone 1 Stage 3 ROP with Plus Disease

**Optic nerve:** retinal vessels grow from nerve head into retina



**Fovea:** Central vision corresponds to this anatomical structure



**New and abnormal vascularization formed at border of ROP. New but small vessels have taken up fluorescein dye as they light up as white, under dark background**

# Zone 1 Stage 3 ROP with Plus Disease Fluorescein Angiography

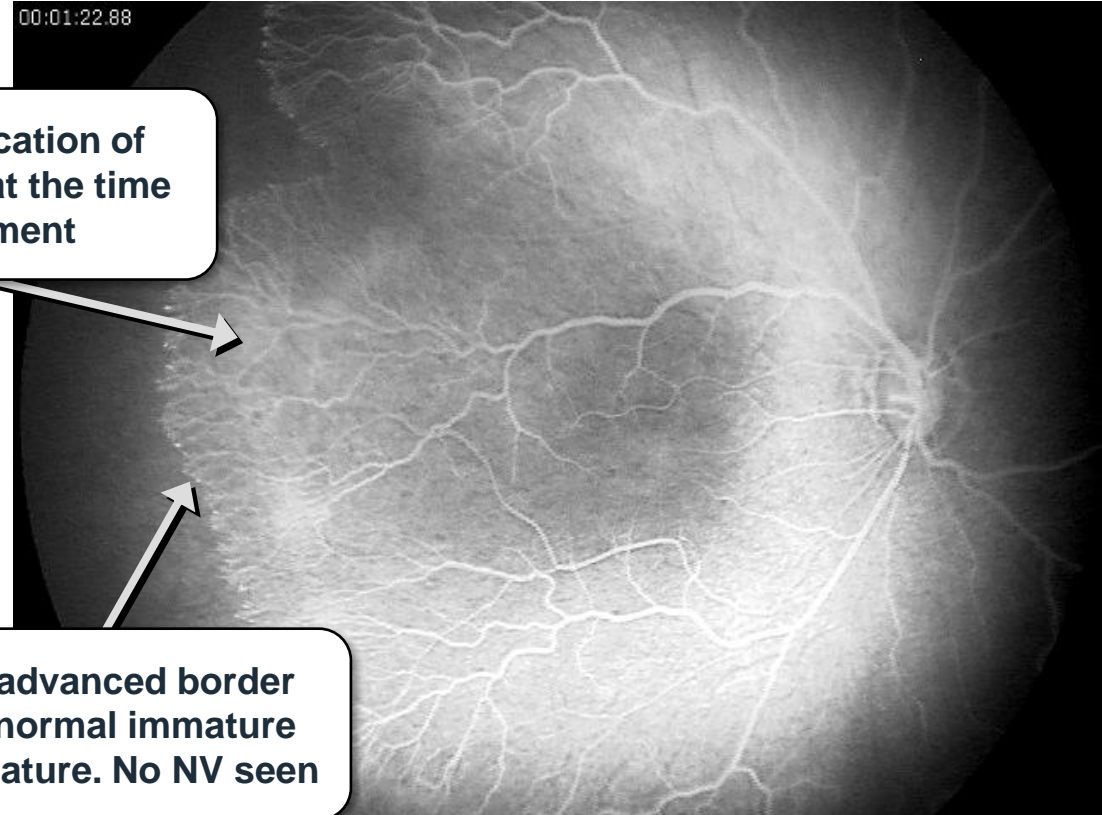
**Before Treatment**



**1 Month after Anti-VEGF  
Treatment**

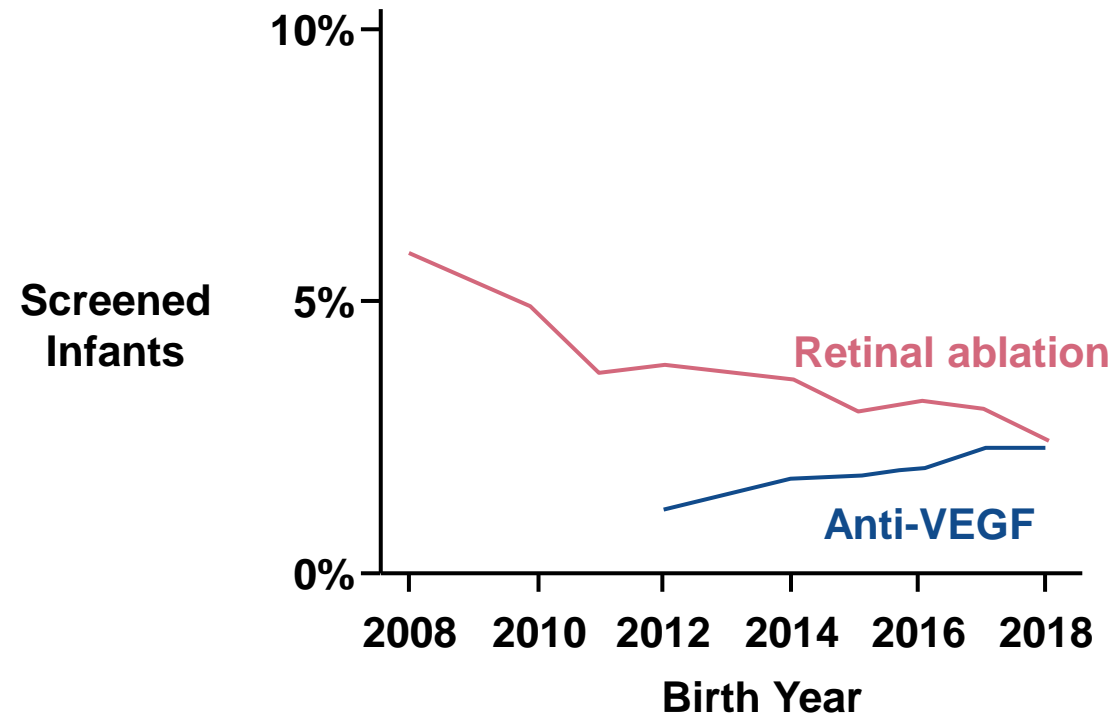
**Previous location of  
ROP border at the time  
of treatment**

**New advanced border  
with normal immature  
vasculature. No NV seen**



# Off-Label Use of Anti-VEGF Therapy Increasing Due to Promising Efficacy and Safety Findings

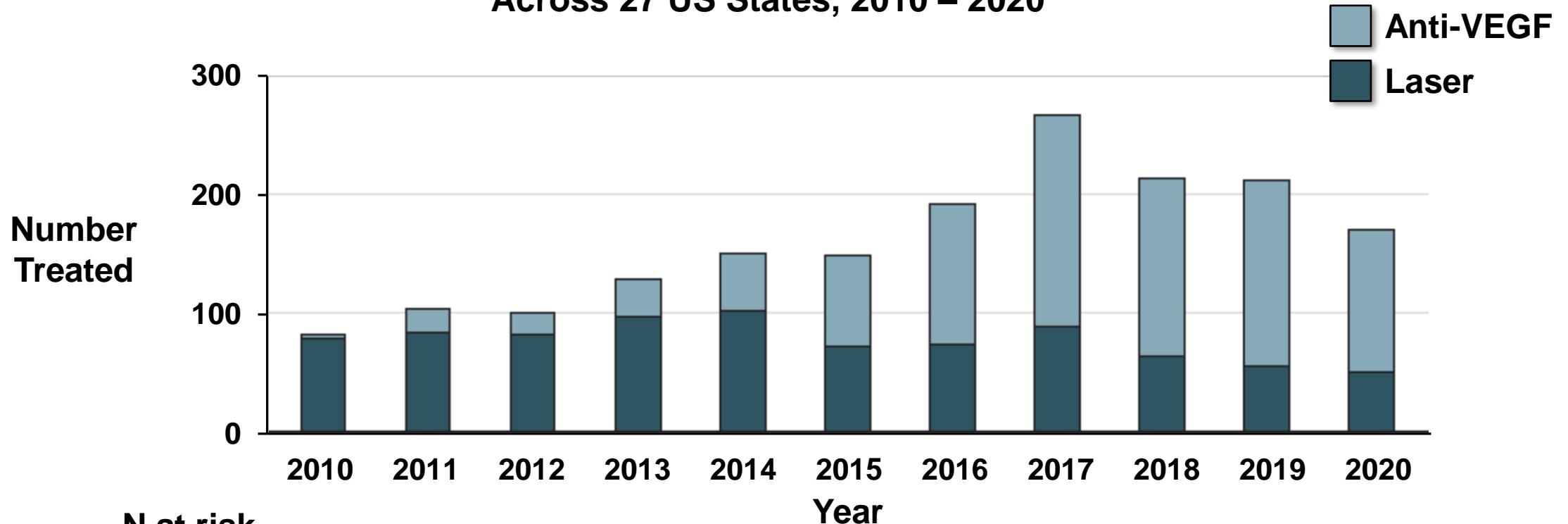
**Trends in Retinopathy of Prematurity Screening and Treatment: 2008 – 2018**



381,065 very low birth weight infants at 819 US NICU participating in Vermont Oxford Network

# Use of Anti-VEGF Treatment has Increased Among ROP-Treated Patients in United States

ROP Treatment Type at 48 Tertiary Care Children's Hospitals  
Across 27 US States, 2010 – 2020



N at risk

|           |    |    |    |    |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Anti-VEGF | 3  | 20 | 19 | 31 | 49  | 77 | 118 | 178 | 149 | 158 | 121 |
| Laser     | 81 | 85 | 83 | 99 | 103 | 74 | 76  | 90  | 66  | 56  | 51  |

# Follow-up After Anti-VEGF Treatment

- Growth of normal vessels could be at a different pace after anti-VEGF treatment
- Baby needs to be followed to rule out reactivation or until their retinal vasculature is matured
- Subset of babies whose vessels do not mature will end up needing laser
- Appropriate follow-up should be performed after any ROP treatment, including anti-VEGFs
- Follow-up recommended in current treatment guidelines and in common practice of ROP community

# Summary of Unmet Need

## Pharmaceutical option comparable to laser needed

- Without associated safety and practice challenges

## Approved labeling of an anti-VEGF treatment

- Provide consistent information for use
- Appropriate monitoring
- Improve access for patients

## Advances needed for treatment of ROP



# **Efficacy**

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# Clinical Development Program

## **BUTTERFLEYE / BUTTERFLEYE NEXT**

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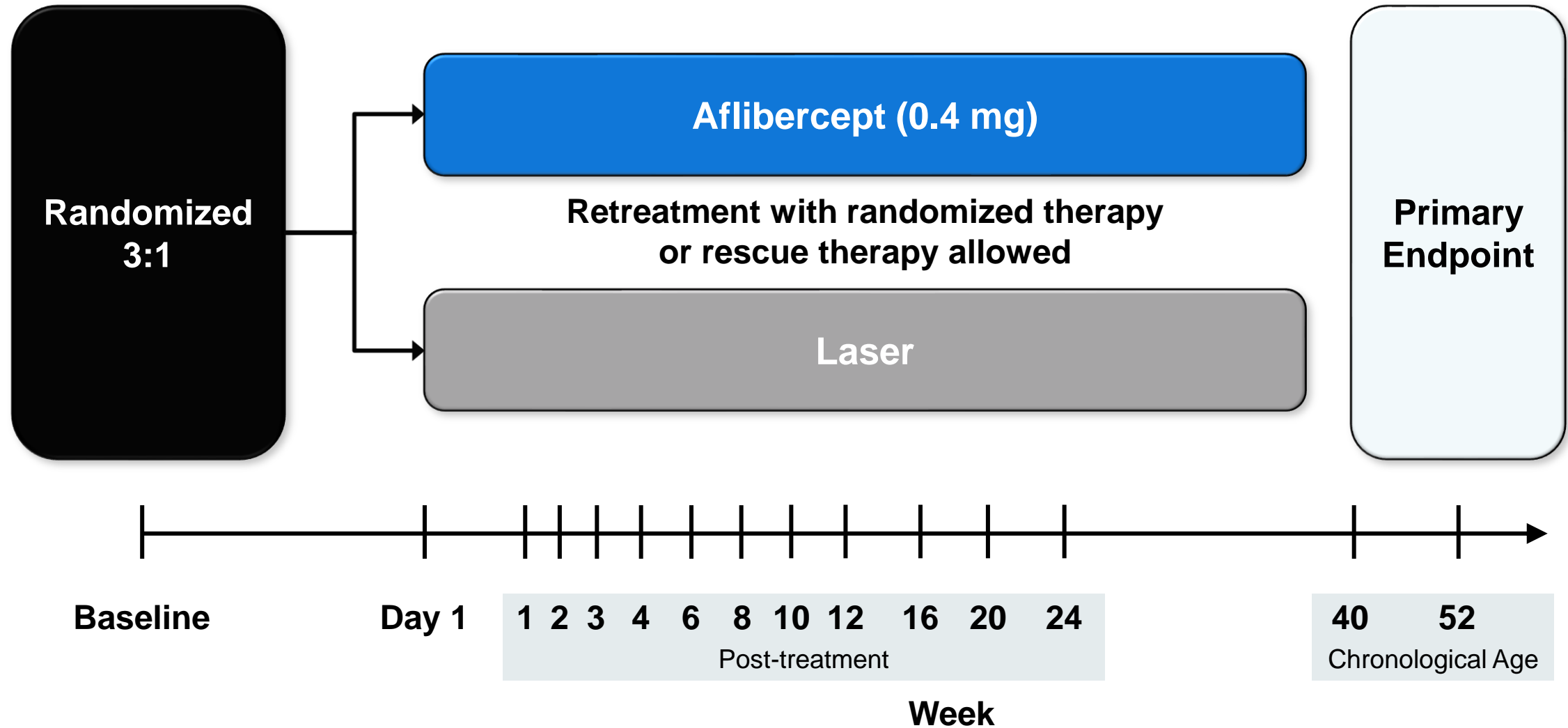
- **Aflibercept vs laser therapy**
- **39 global sites: US, Europe, Asia, South America**
- **1° at 52 weeks chronological age**
- **Observational follow-up through 5 years of age**

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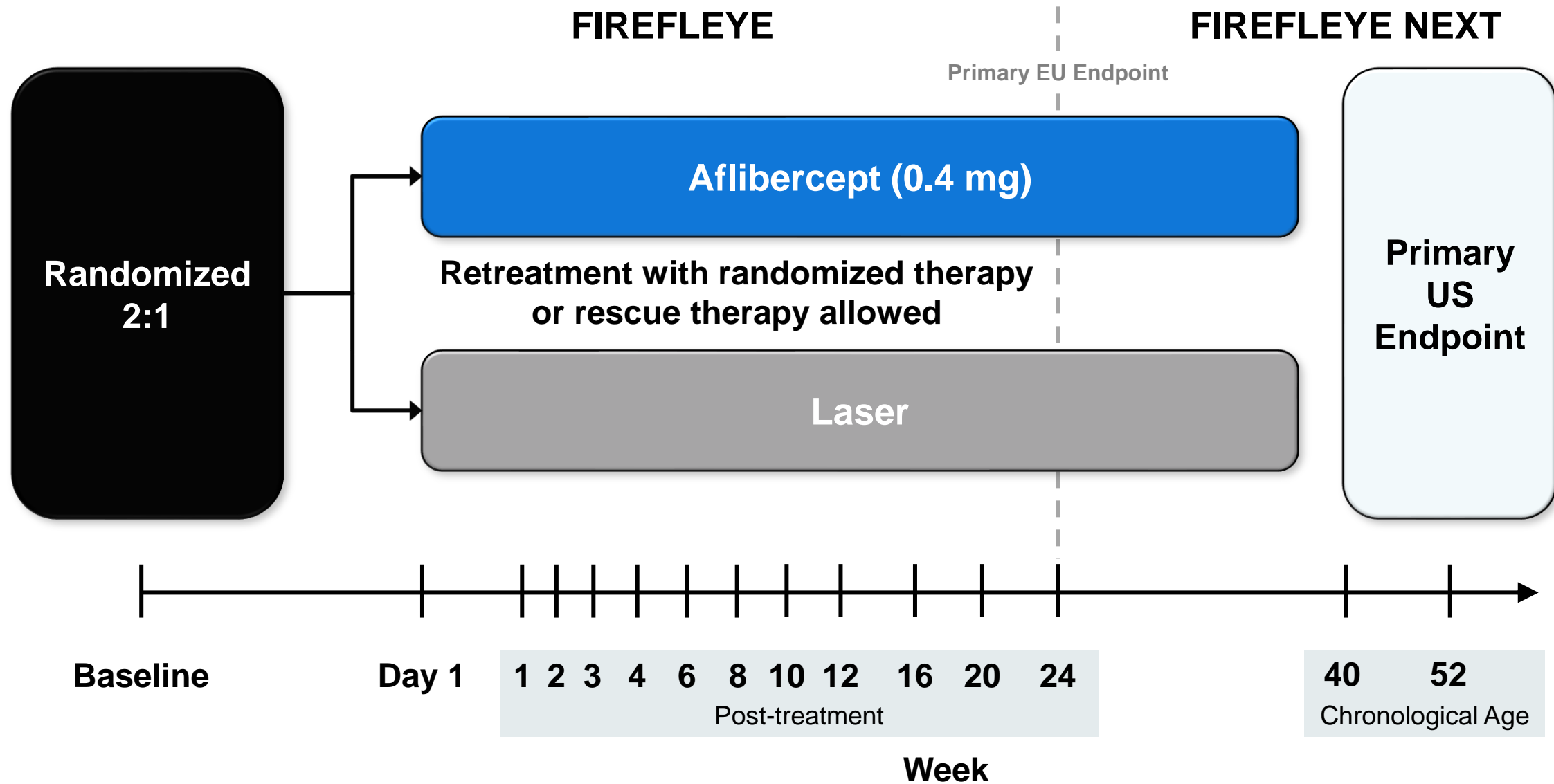
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- **Aflibercept vs laser therapy**
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- **1° at 52 weeks chronological age**
- **Observational follow-up through 5 years of age**

# Study Design – BUTTERFLEYE



# Study Design – FIREFLEYE / FIREFLEYE NEXT



# Similar Patient Population in Both Phase 3 Studies

- Gestational age at birth  $\leq$  32 weeks or birth weight  $\leq$  1500 g
- Weight at baseline (day of treatment)  $\geq$  800 g
- Treatment-naïve ROP classified according to ICROP\* in at least one eye
  - Zone I Stage 1 plus, or 2 plus, or 3 non-plus or 3 plus, or
  - Zone II Stage 2 plus or 3 plus, or
  - Aggressive posterior-ROP (AP-ROP)
- If only one eye treated, second eye monitored for Type I ROP development, received same randomized treatment if needed

# Same Endpoints in Both Phase 3 Studies

- Primary endpoint
  - Proportion of patients with absence of both active ROP and unfavorable structural outcomes at 52 weeks CA
- Secondary endpoints
  - Proportion of patients requiring intervention with a second treatment modality to 52 weeks CA
  - Proportion of patients with recurrence of ROP to 52 weeks CA
- Relevant exploratory endpoints
  - Requirement for sedation or general anesthesia
  - Time required to perform treatment

# Basis of Non-Inferiority Design and Margin

- Orphan population strong consideration for sample size
  - N = 150 infants treated with aflibercept across two studies
  - FDA agreed adequate to assess safety and tolerability
- NI design pragmatic way to establish efficacy
  - Appropriate to compare two treatments with evidence of effectiveness
  - Anti-VEGF offers additional benefits
- RAINBOW informed NI margin of 5%
  - RAINBOW<sup>1</sup> (ranibizumab vs laser) showed laser success rate of 66% and anti-VEGF success rate of 80%
- 2-sided significance level of 0.049 (adjusted for IDMC assessments)

# Demographics Similar Across Studies

|   | BUTTERFLEYE           |                       | FIREFLEYE             |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27       | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38       |
| <b>Male</b>   | <b>44%</b>            | <b>63%</b>            | <b>55%</b>            | <b>50%</b>            |
| <b>Race</b>   |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>White</b>  | <b>28%</b>            | <b>41%</b>            | <b>73%</b>            | <b>74%</b>            |
| <b>Asian</b>  | <b>47%</b>            | <b>48%</b>            | <b>23%</b>            | <b>24%</b>            |
| <b>Black or African American</b>                        | <b>7%</b>             | <b>7%</b>             | <b>3%</b>             | <b>0%</b>             |
| <b>Other/Not reported*</b>                              | <b>18%</b>            | <b>4%</b>             | <b>1%</b>             | <b>3%</b>             |
| <b>Gestational age at birth (weeks), mean (SD)</b>      | <b>27.3 (2.8)</b>     | <b>27.1 (2.7)</b>     | <b>26.5 (2.1)</b>     | <b>26.0 (1.6)</b>     |
| <b>Chronological age at baseline (weeks), mean (SD)</b> | <b>9.8 (3.1)</b>      | <b>11.1 (4.3)</b>     | <b>10.4 (2.8)</b>     | <b>10.2 (2.3)</b>     |
| <b>Birth weight (g), mean (SD)</b>                      | <b>991.2 (407.0)</b>  | <b>934.1 (406.6)</b>  | <b>881.1 (305.6)</b>  | <b>824.6 (230.8)</b>  |
| <b>Baseline weight (g), mean (SD)</b>                   | <b>2058.3 (548.3)</b> | <b>2248.1 (725.0)</b> | <b>2026.7 (678.9)</b> | <b>1850.9 (546.1)</b> |

\*Includes self-reported multiracial in BUTTERFLEYE

# Disease Characteristics Similar Across Studies

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| <b>Laterality of eyes treated</b> |                       |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>Unilateral</b>                 | <b>8%</b>             | <b>15%</b>      | <b>5%</b>             | <b>11%</b>      |
| <b>Bilateral</b>                  | <b>92%</b>            | <b>85%</b>      | <b>95%</b>            | <b>89%</b>      |
| <b>Number of eyes treated</b>     | <b>179</b>            | <b>50</b>       | <b>146</b>            | <b>72</b>       |
| <b>ROP Zone, by eye</b>           |                       |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>Zone I</b>                     | <b>26%</b>            | <b>26%</b>      | <b>35%</b>            | <b>29%</b>      |
| <b>AP-ROP</b>                     | <b>11%</b>            | <b>6%</b>       | <b>16%</b>            | <b>11%</b>      |
| <b>Zone II</b>                    | <b>74%</b>            | <b>74%</b>      | <b>65%</b>            | <b>71%</b>      |
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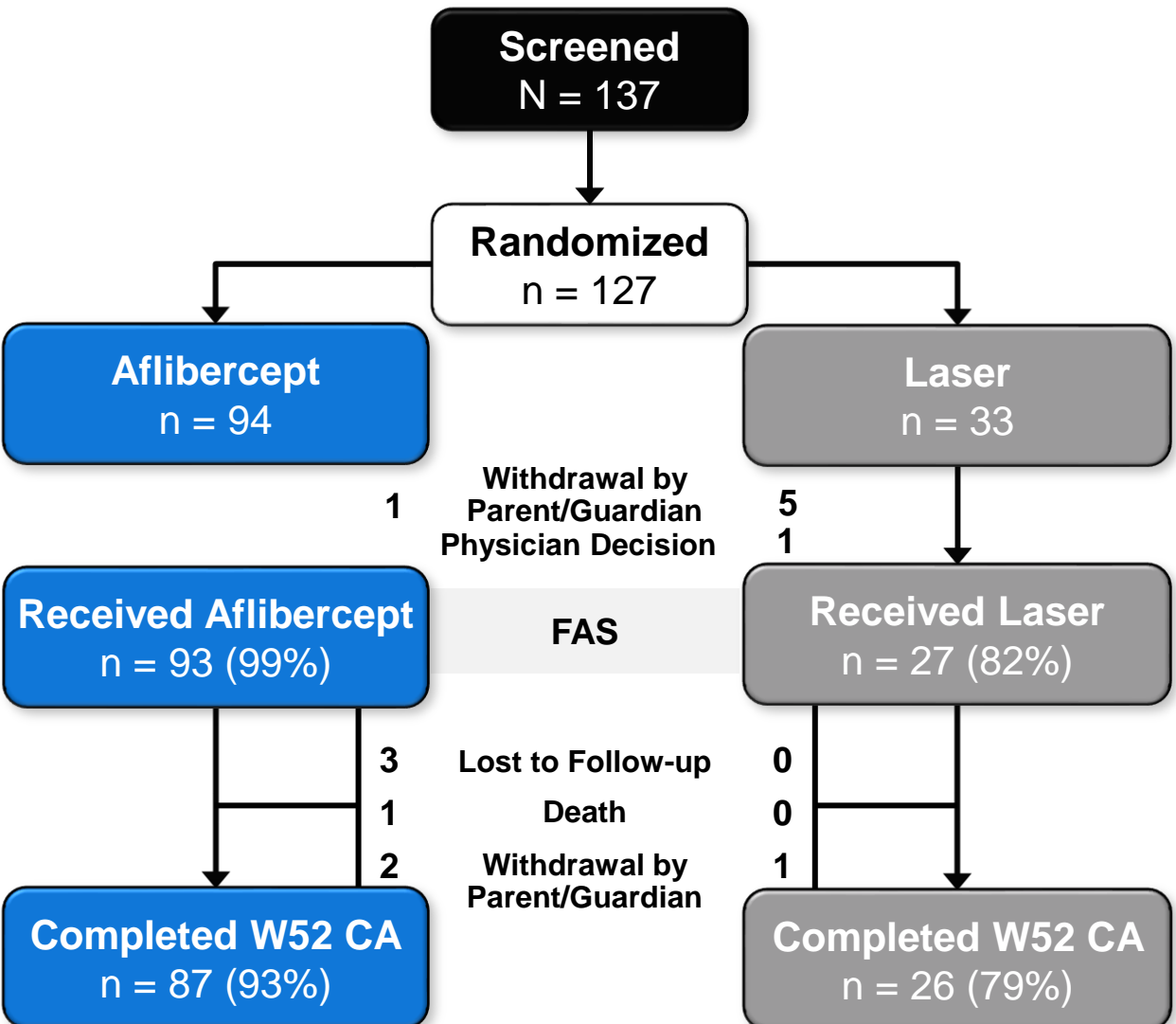


# Significant Medical History at Baseline Associated with Prematurity

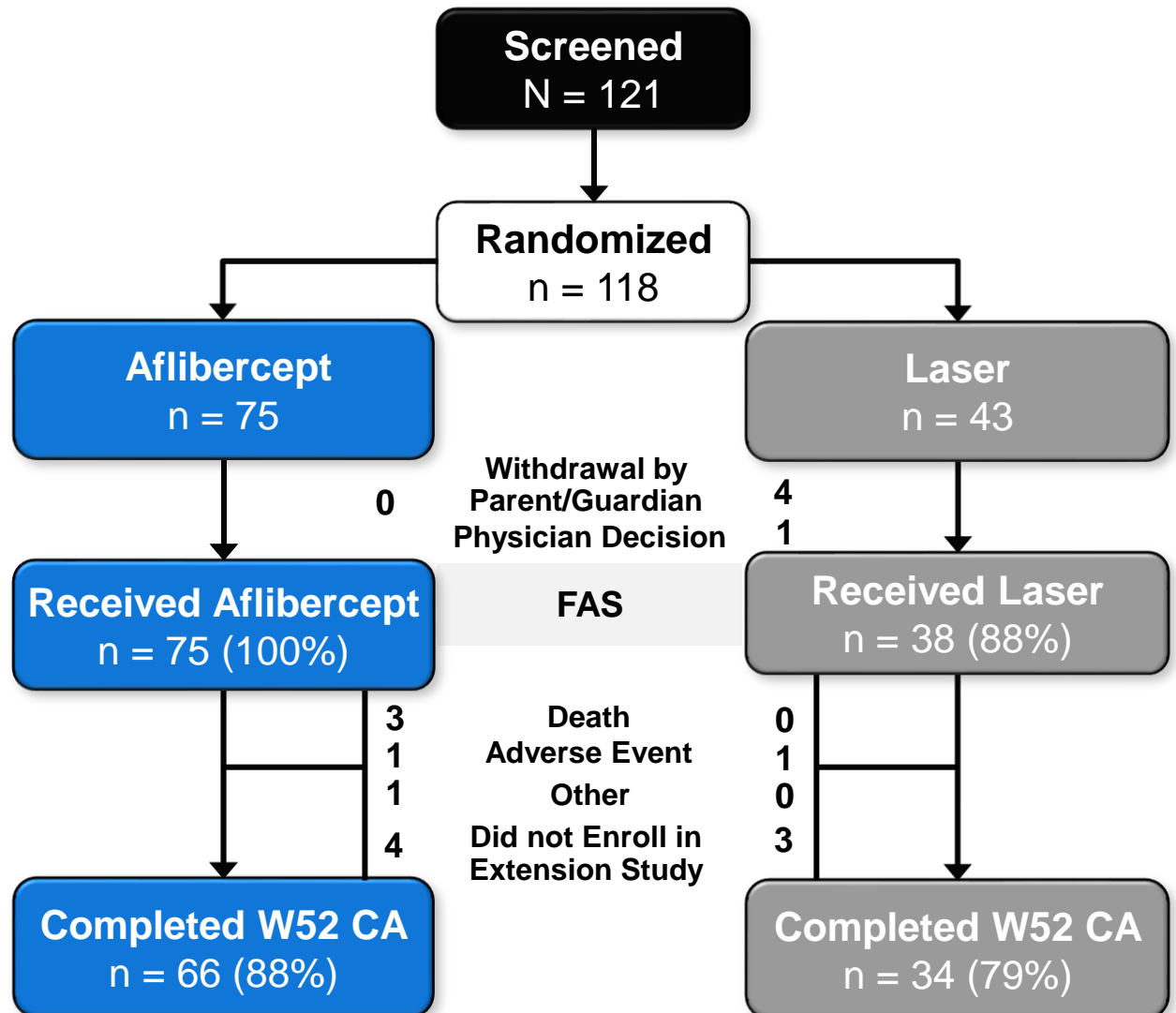
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| <b>Sepsis</b>  | <b>55%</b>            | <b>56%</b>      | <b>43%</b>            | <b>40%</b>      |
| <b>Bronchopulmonary dysplasia</b>                                    | <b>49%</b>            | <b>59%</b>      | <b>65%</b>            | <b>76%</b>      |
| <b>Respiratory distress / Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome</b> | <b>49%</b>            | <b>59%</b>      | <b>67%</b>            | <b>68%</b>      |
| <b>Infantile apnea</b>   | <b>48%</b>            | <b>48%</b>      | <b>35%</b>            | <b>29%</b>      |
| <b>Patent ductus arteriosus</b>                                      | <b>43%</b>            | <b>22%</b>      | <b>40%</b>            | <b>47%</b>      |
| <b>Neonatal anemia</b>   | <b>37%</b>            | <b>41%</b>      | <b>60%</b>            | <b>74%</b>      |
| <b>Necrotizing enterocolitis</b>                                     | <b>17%</b>            | <b>11%</b>      | <b>20%</b>            | <b>13%</b>      |

# Disposition: More Patients Completed Aflibercept Treatment at 52 Weeks vs Laser Therapy

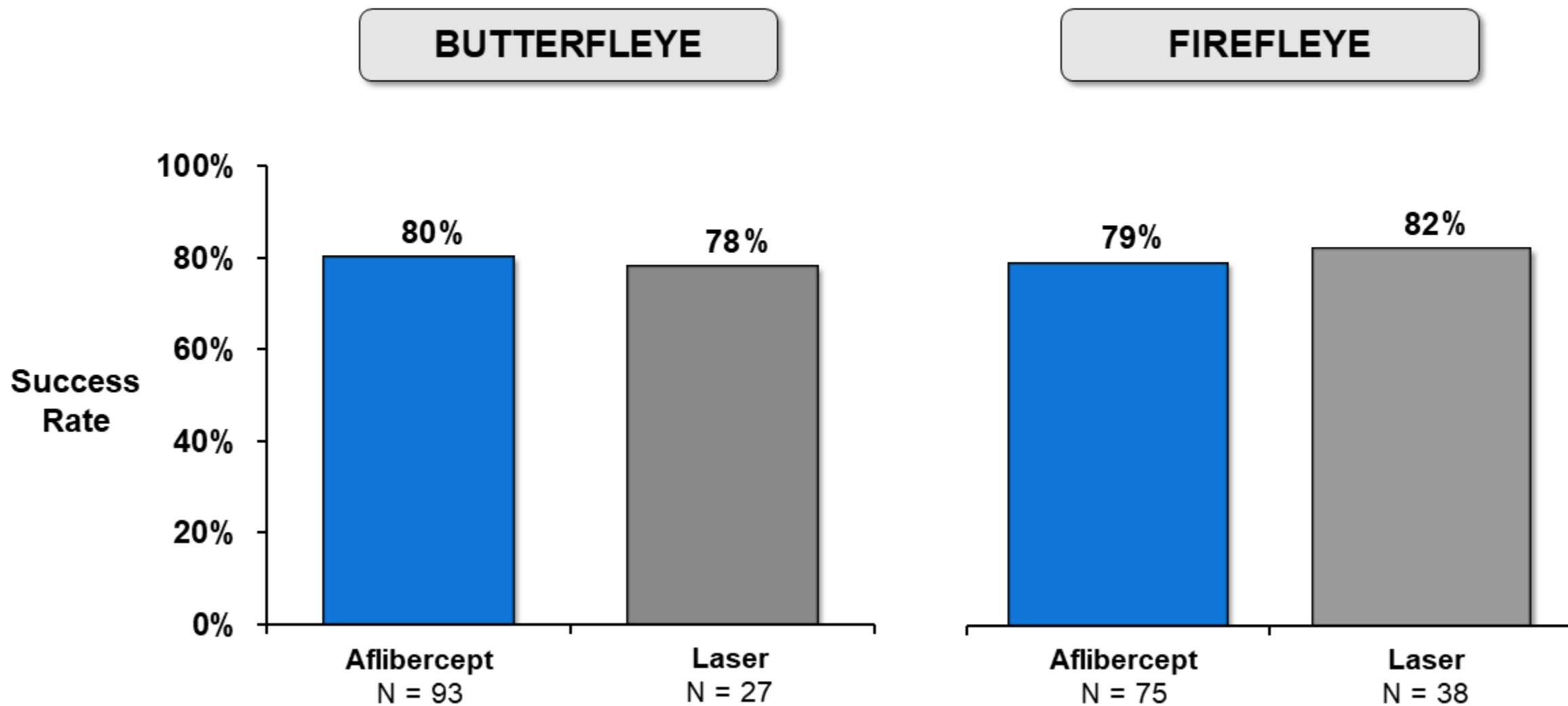
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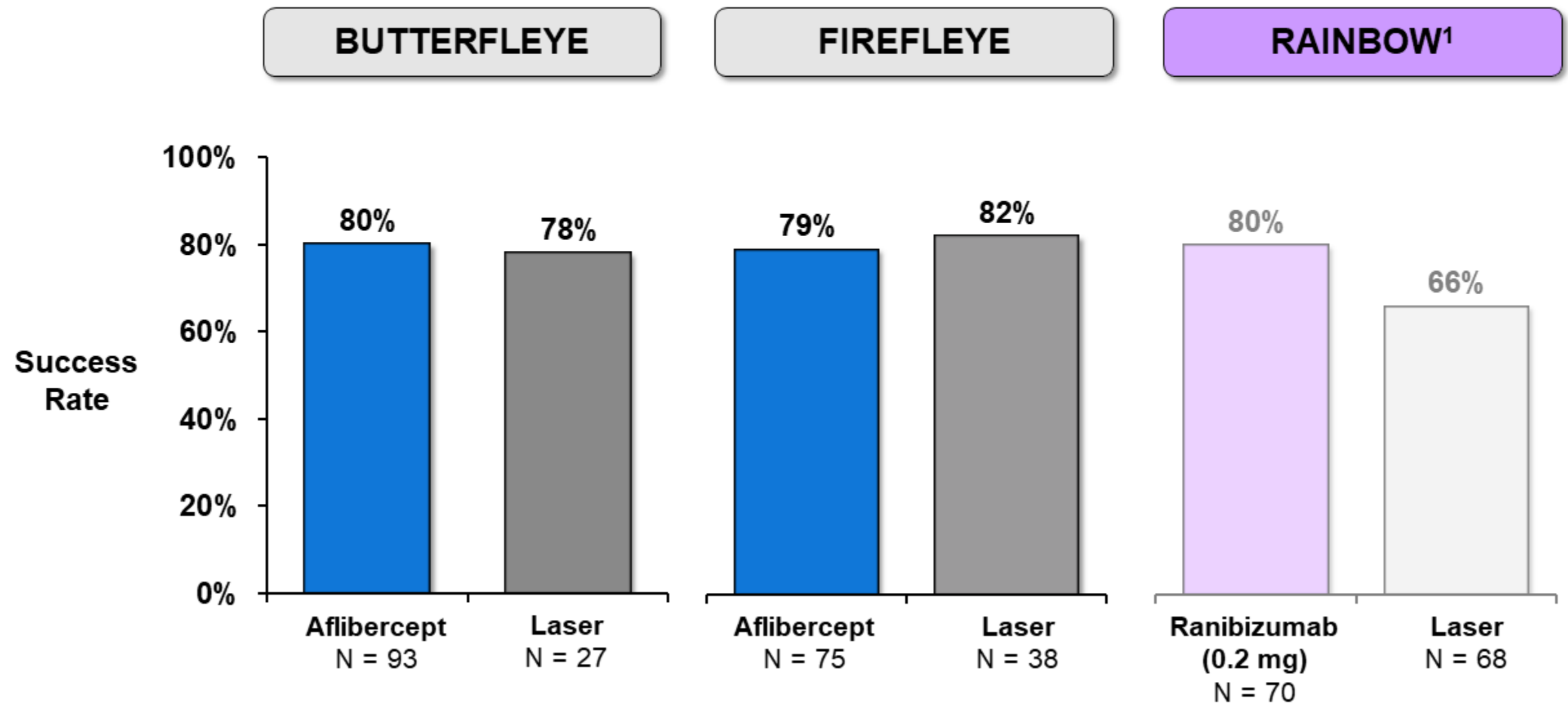


# High Success Rate Across Studies and Treatments (FAS)



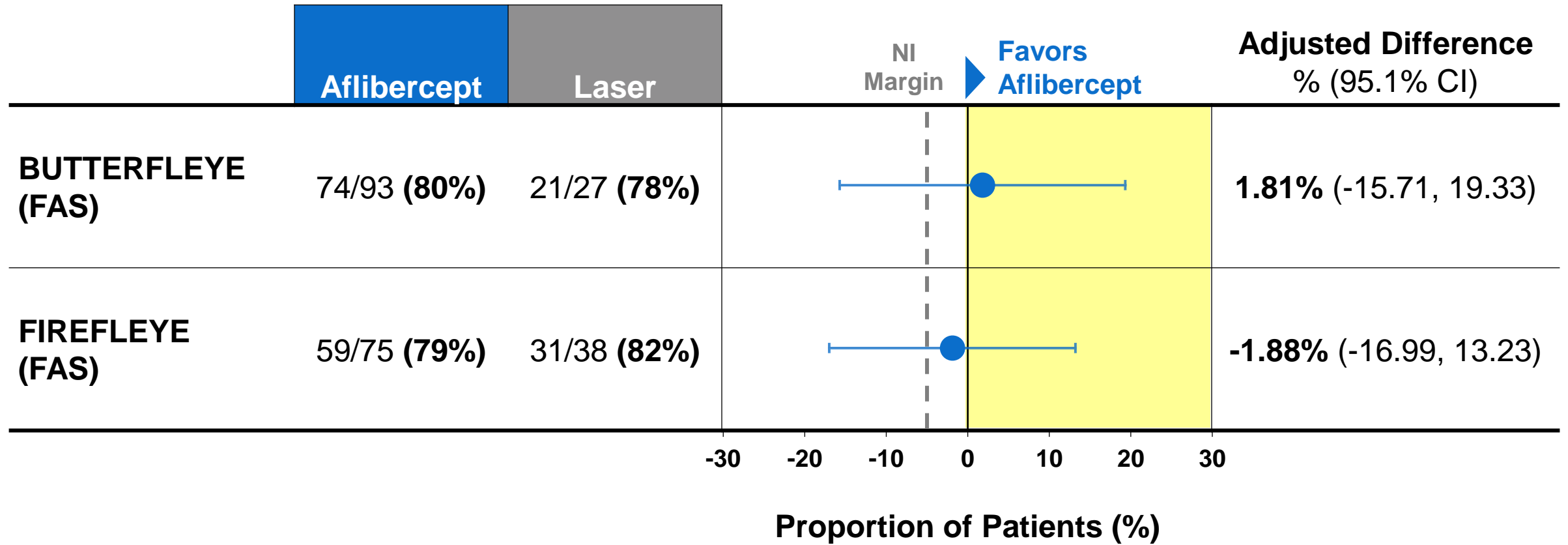
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# Anti-VEGFs Performed Similarly Across Studies, Laser Therapy Point Estimates Differed from RAINBOW

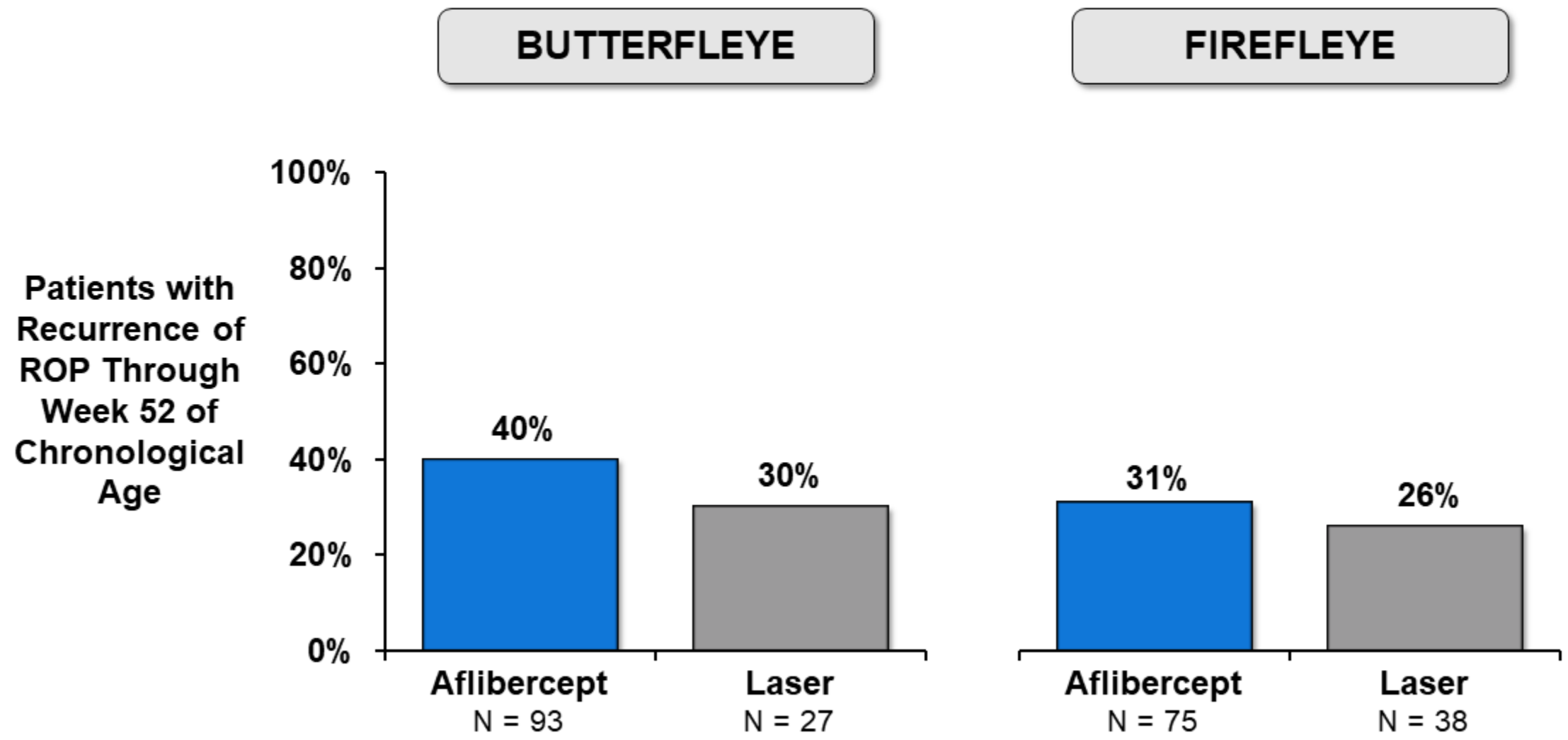


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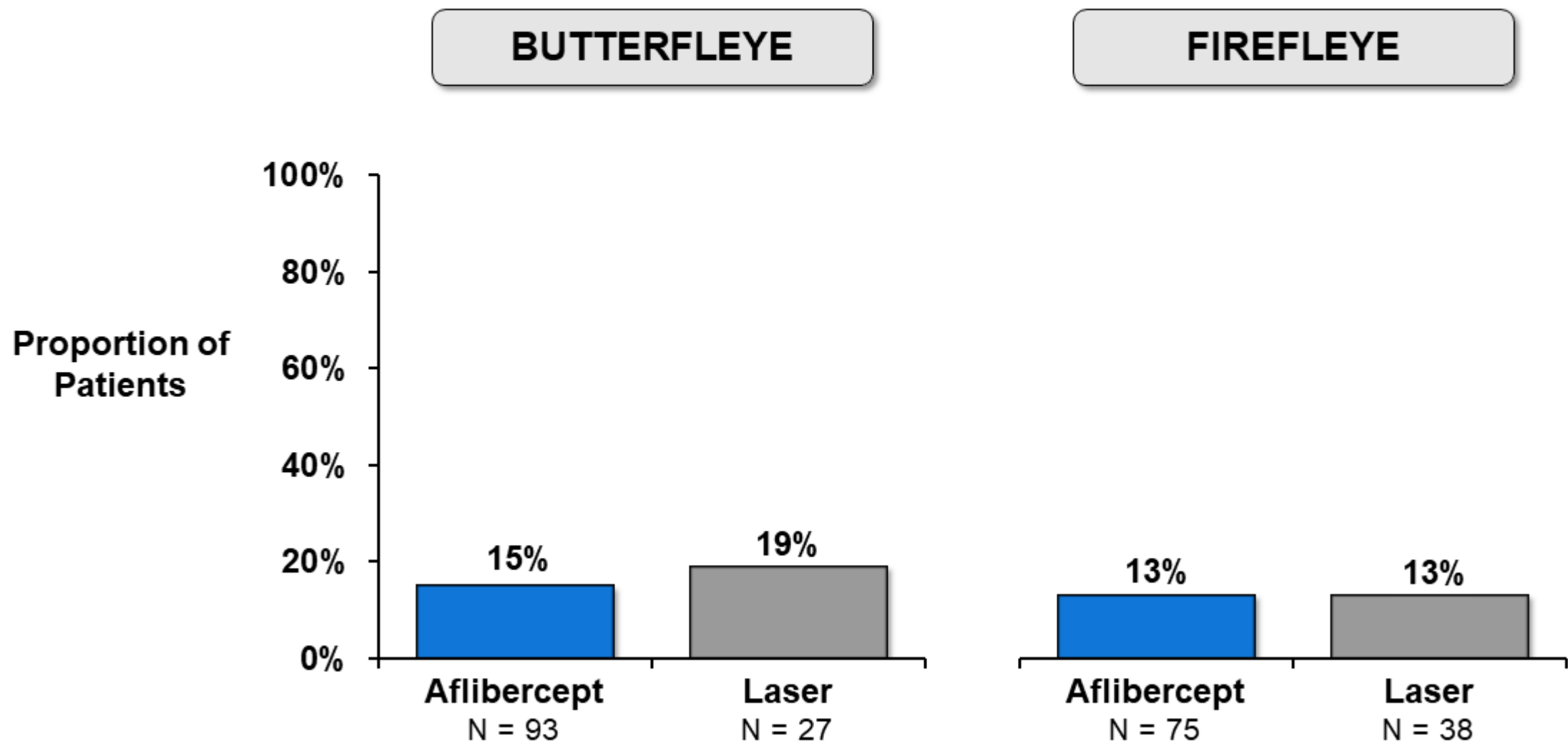
# Primary Efficacy Results Clinically Important Across Studies



# Secondary Endpoint – Recurrence of ROP Within 52 Weeks (FAS)



# Secondary Endpoint – Requirement of Second Treatment Modality\* Within 52 Weeks (FAS)



\*Any treatment other than randomized assignment

# Few Aflibercept Patients Needed Laser Rescue Treatment – Most had Favorable Outcome

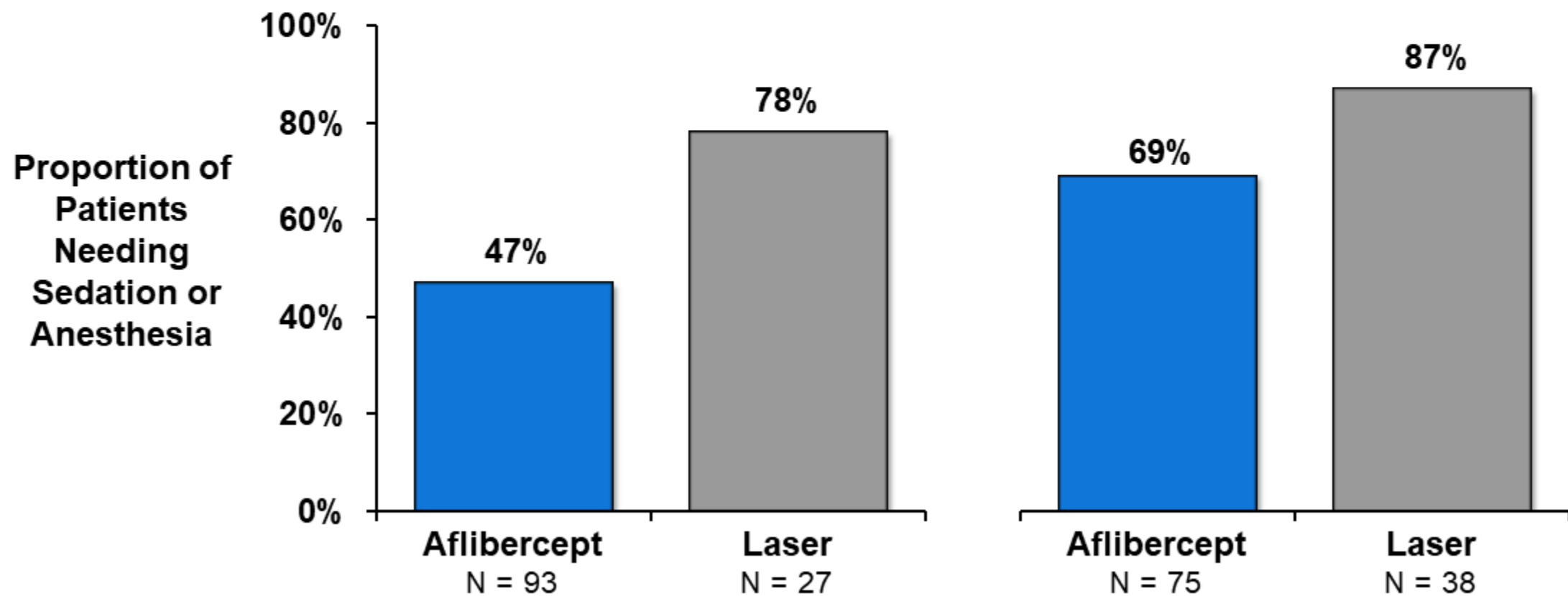
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|  | <b>Aflibercept<br/>N = 93</b> | <b>Aflibercept<br/>N = 75</b> |
| <b>Patients not requiring laser rescue</b>         | <b>80 (86%)</b>               | <b>70 (93%)</b>               |
| <b>Patients needing laser rescue</b>               | <b>13 (14%)</b>               | <b>5 (7%)</b>                 |
| <b>Met primary endpoint criteria at week 52 CA</b> | <b>8</b>                      | <b>3</b>                      |
| <b>Retinal detachment</b>                          | <b>5</b>                      | <b>1</b>                      |
| <b>Patients without data at week 52 CA</b>         | <b>0</b>                      | <b>1</b>                      |



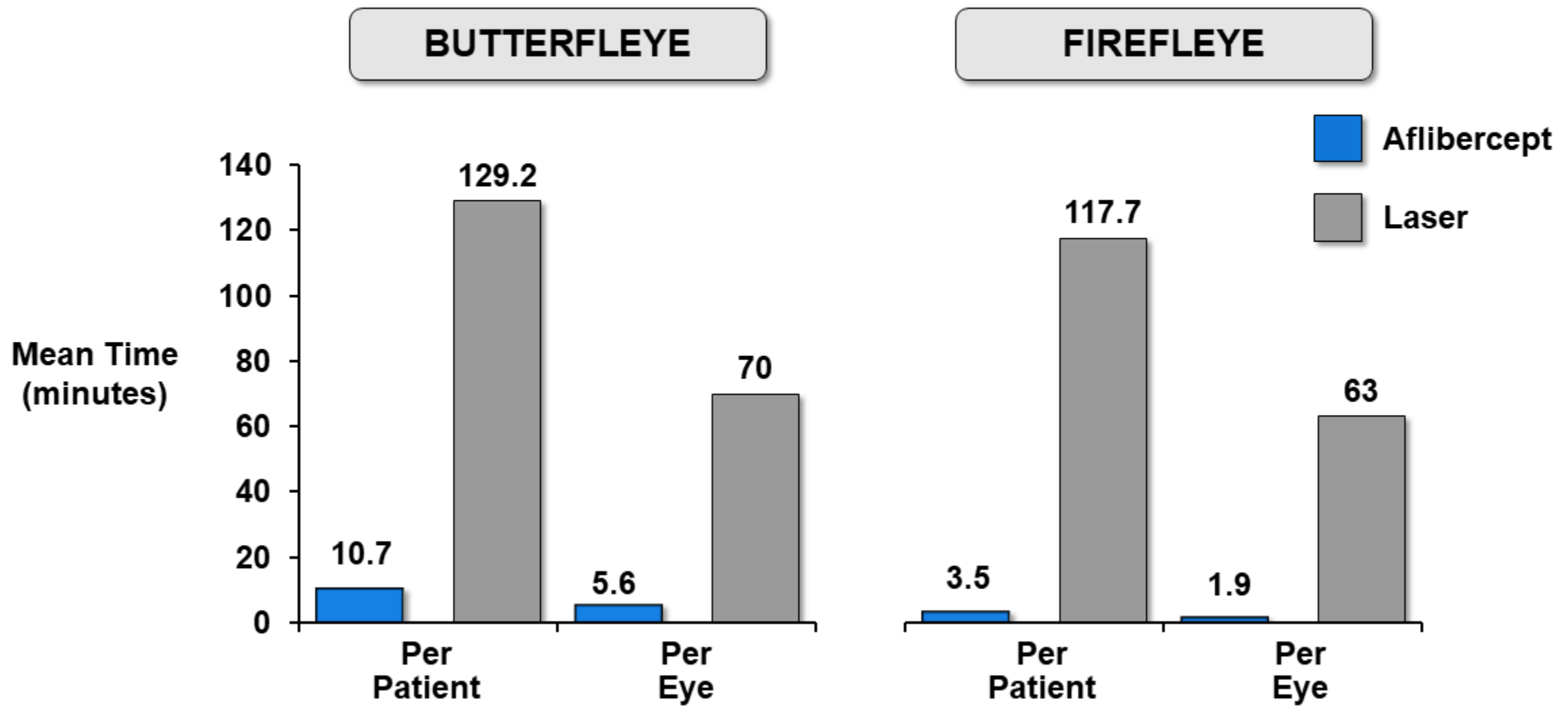
# Exploratory Endpoints – Requirement for Sedation and General Anesthesia

## BUTTERFLEYE

## FIREFLEYE



# Exploratory Endpoints – Time Required to Perform Treatment



# Summary of Efficacy

- BUTTERFLEYE and FIREFLEYE studies demonstrate benefit of aflibercept 0.4 mg
- ~80% of infants in aflibercept groups met primary endpoint
  - Numerically similar to laser therapy
  - Point estimate demonstrated meaningful efficacy
- Secondary and exploratory endpoints important efficacy considerations
  - Aflibercept requires less time under sedation / anesthesia and easier to administer than laser therapy



## **Safety**

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# Summary of Exposure Aflibercept Injections and Laser Administrations

|   | BUTTERFLEYE           |                 | FIREFLEYE             |                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|   | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27 | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38 |
| <b>Injections/Administrations<br/>Per Patient</b> |                       |                 |                       |                 |
| 1   | 7.5%                  | 0               | 5.3%                  | 0               |
| 2   | 72.0%                 | 14.8%           | 73.3%                 | 7.9%            |
| 3   | 8.6%                  | 0               | 8.0%                  | 2.6%            |
| 4+  | 11.8%                 | 0               | 13.3%                 | 0               |
| <b>Injections/Administrations<br/>Per Eye</b>     |                       |                 |                       |                 |
| 1   | 83.2%                 | 16.0%           | 82.2%                 | 9.7%            |
| 2   | 14.0%                 | 0               | 17.8%                 | 1.4%            |
| 3   | 2.8%                  | 0               | 0                     | 0               |

# Comparable Safety Profile Across Studies

|  | BUTTERFLEYE           |                 | FIREFLEYE             |                 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|  | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27 | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38 |
| <b>Any AE</b>                          | <b>74%</b>            | <b>85%</b>      | <b>95%</b>            | <b>92%</b>      |
| <b>Any TEAE</b>                        | <b>56%</b>            | <b>59%</b>      | <b>76%</b>            | <b>76%</b>      |
| Ocular                                 | 18%                   | 26%             | 39%                   | 37%             |
| Non-Ocular                             | 47%                   | 52%             | 53%                   | 66%             |
| <b>TEAE Leading to Discontinuation</b> | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>        | <b>4%</b>             | <b>3%</b>       |
| <b>SAE</b>                             | <b>34%</b>            | <b>44%</b>      | <b>33%</b>            | <b>45%</b>      |
| <b>TE SAE</b>                          | <b>19%</b>            | <b>19%</b>      | <b>12%</b>            | <b>26%</b>      |
| Ocular                                 | 7%                    | 11%             | 8%                    | 8%              |
| Non-Ocular                             | 13%                   | 7%              | 7%                    | 18%             |
| <b>Death*</b>                          | <b>1 (1%)</b>         | <b>0</b>        | <b>3 (4%)*</b>        | <b>0</b>        |

TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse events occurring in 30 days of last treatment; \*2 deaths within 30 days of last treatment

# Ocular TEAEs in Study Eye Balanced ( $\geq 5\%$ of Patients in Either Study)

| Preferred term          | BUTTERFLEYE           |                 | FIREFLEYE             |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                         | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27 | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38 |
| <b>Any Ocular TEAE</b>  | <b>18%</b>            | <b>26%</b>      | <b>39%</b>            | <b>37%</b>      |
| Retinal detachment      | 6%                    | 7%              | 5%                    | 5%              |
| Conjunctival hemorrhage | 5%                    | 0               | 5%                    | 0               |
| Retinal hemorrhage      | 3%                    | 4%              | 7%                    | 13%             |
| Conjunctivitis          | 0                     | 0               | 4%                    | 11%             |
| Eyelid edema            | 0                     | 4%              | 3%                    | 8%              |

# Ocular Treatment Emergent SAEs ( $\geq 2$ Patients in Either Study)

| Preferred term, n (%)    | BUTTERFLEYE           |                 | FIREFLEYE             |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                          | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27 | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38 |
| <b>Any Ocular TE SAE</b> | <b>6 (6%)</b>         | <b>3 (11%)</b>  | <b>6 (8%)</b>         | <b>3 (8%)</b>   |
| Retinal detachment       | 6 (6%)                | 2 (7%)          | 3 (4%)                | 2 (5%)          |
| Vitreous hemorrhage      | 2 (2%)                | 0               | 1 (1%)                | 0               |
| Retinal hemorrhage       | 0                     | 0               | 2 (3%)                | 0               |



# Non-Ocular TEAEs By Preferred Term in $\geq 5\%$ of Patients

| Preferred term                  | BUTTERFLEYE           |                 | FIREFLEYE             |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                                 | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27 | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38 |
| <b>Any Non-Ocular TEAE</b>      | <b>47%</b>            | <b>52%</b>      | <b>53%</b>            | <b>66%</b>      |
| Bronchopulmonary dysplasia      | 7%                    | 0               | 3%                    | 0               |
| Inguinal hernia                 | 7%                    | 7%              | 3%                    | 3%              |
| Umbilical hernia                | 5%                    | 0               | 3%                    | 8%              |
| Anemia / anemia neonatal        | 7%                    | 0               | 1%                    | 11%             |
| Gastroesophageal reflux disease | 3%                    | 7%              | 1%                    | 3%              |
| Apnea / infantile apnea         | 2%                    | 15%             | 3%                    | 13%             |
| Bacterial disease carrier       | 1%                    | 4%              | 0                     | 5%              |
| Constipation                    | 1%                    | 11%             | 0                     | 0               |
| Oxygen saturation decreased     | 1%                    | 7%              | 4%                    | 0               |
| Hemorrhage subcutaneous         | 0                     | 0               | 0                     | 8%              |

# Non-Ocular TE SAEs in $\geq 2$ Patients By Preferred Term

| Preferred term               | BUTTERFLEYE           |                 | FIREFLEYE             |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                              | Aflibercept<br>N = 93 | Laser<br>N = 27 | Aflibercept<br>N = 75 | Laser<br>N = 38 |
| <b>Any Non-Ocular TE SAE</b> | <b>13%</b>            | <b>7%</b>       | <b>7%</b>             | <b>18%</b>      |
| Apnea / infantile apnea      | 2%                    | 7%              | 0                     | 8%              |
| Inguinal hernia              | 2%                    | 0               | 0                     | 0               |
| Pneumonia                    | 1%                    | 0               | 1%                    | 0               |
| Bronchiolitis                | 0                     | 0               | 3%                    | 3%              |

# Deaths Not Considered to be Related to Treatment

| Study       | Sex / Gest. Age (weeks) | Birth Weight (grams) | Key Medical History / AE Leading to Death  | AE Onset (Study day) | Death (Study day) |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| BUTTERFLEYE | Female<br>24w 5d        | 620                  | Necrotizing enterocolitis, bowel obstruction, chronic lung disease, post-surgery for division of ductus arteriosus, adrenal cortical insufficiency /<br><i>Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome</i> | 29                   | 59                |
|             | Female<br>23w 6d        | 445                  | Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (ongoing at study entry), anemia of prematurity, hypoglycemia and osteoporosis /<br><i>Bronchopulmonary dysplasia and pneumothorax</i>                                  | 142                  | 144               |
| FIREFLEYE   | Female<br>24w 1d        | 640                  | Neonatal sepsis bronchopulmonary dysplasia interstitial pulmonary emphysema, anemia /<br><i>Bronchiolitis</i>  | 53                   | 57                |
|             | Male<br>26w             | 790                  | Bronchopulmonary dysplasia, respiratory failure, apnea, brain damage, atrial septal defect, severe anemia /<br><i>Bronchopulmonary dysplasia</i>   | 61                   | 61                |

**Note: Mean birth weight BUTTERFLEYE 990 grams, FIREFLEYE 880 grams  
Mean gestational age BUTTERFLEYE 27.3 weeks, FIREFLEYE 26.5 weeks**

# Aflibercept: Favorable Safety Profile

- Safety database includes data in 325 eyes / 168 infants
- Majority of observed events mild and comparable to laser
- TE SAEs more common in laser group
  - Related to complications of extreme prematurity and low birth weight
- Deaths occurred in patients with complicated medical histories
- No additional deaths or TE SAEs reported in safety update report



# Clinical Perspective

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# Approved Pharmacologic Agent Needed for Babies with ROP

- Laser therapy effective, but practical and clinical limitations
  - Needs specialized equipment and skill; labor intensive
  - Not accessible to all in need, vulnerable babies sometimes need to move locations for treatment
  - Requires long durations of sedation / anesthesia
  - Sustained side effects



# Anti-VEGFs Currently Used Off-label to Treat ROP

- Anti-VEGF off-label use noted in treatment guidelines due to promising efficacy and safety<sup>1</sup>
- Aflibercept data build on already established literature supporting anti-VEGF use in ROP

# Clinical Considerations Support Proposed Labeling

- Critically ill babies with a rare, serious, vision impairing disease
- Anti-VEGFs already used as primary initial treatment off-label
- Aflibercept benefit
  - Consistently high success rates through 52 weeks
  - Ease of use, reduced time under sedation
  - Earlier treatment of vascular proliferation
  - Administered at bedside
  - Reduces potential for unfavorable side effects (loss of peripheral vision, high myopia)
  - Postponing laser even by one month is a major advantage
- Aflibercept demonstrated expected safety comparable to laser with potential for less long-term complications



# Aflibercept: A Promising Treatment for ROP

- Prospective data outcomes align with goal of treatment – to stop ROP and restore the retina
- Acceptable safety profile, aligns with expectations of an anti-VEGF treatment
- Aflibercept labeling for ROP
  - Allows proper communication of use
  - Reduces variability in treatment
- Proactive education for physicians on appropriate patient follow-up
- Important step towards meeting unmet medical need of preterm babies

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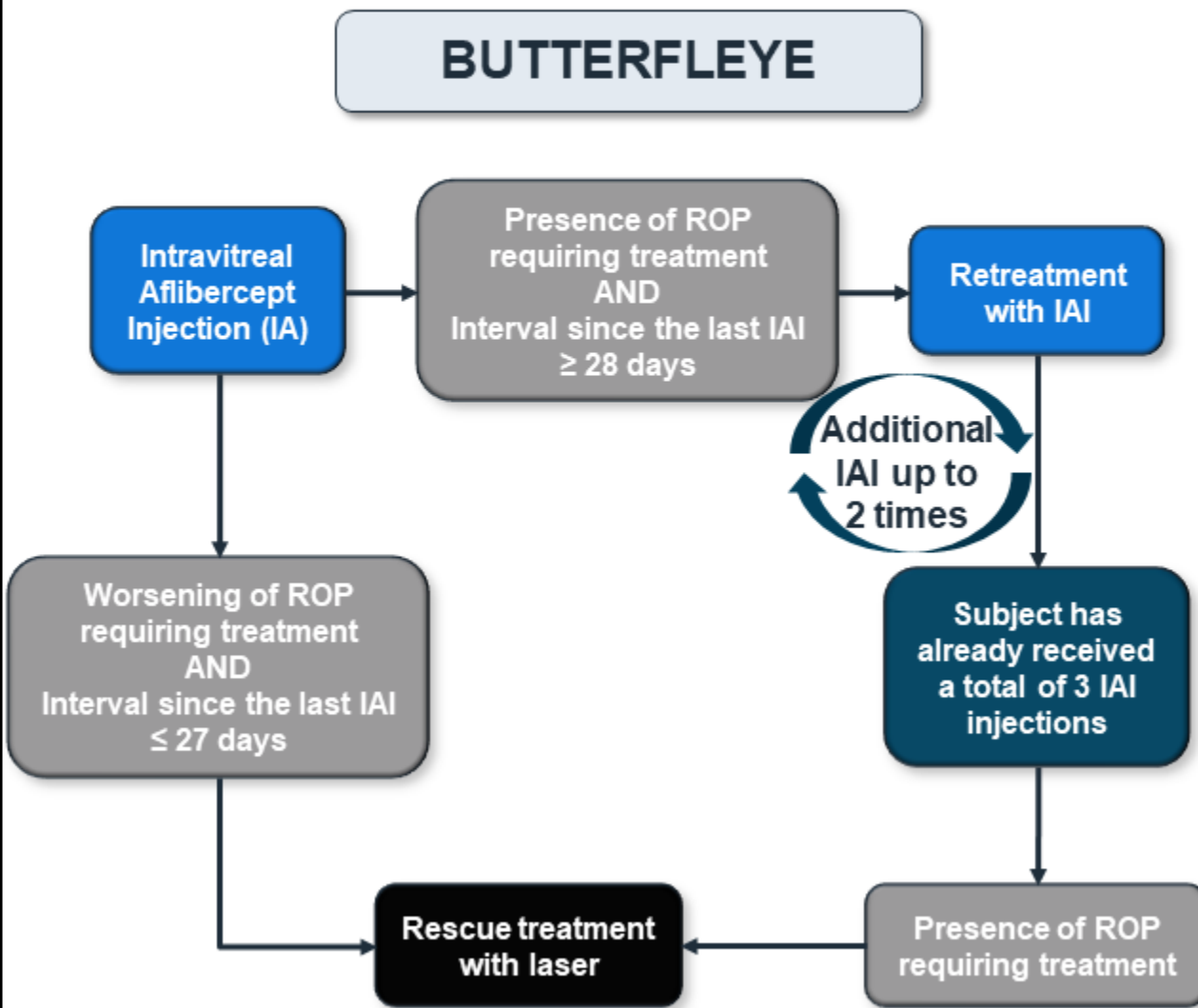
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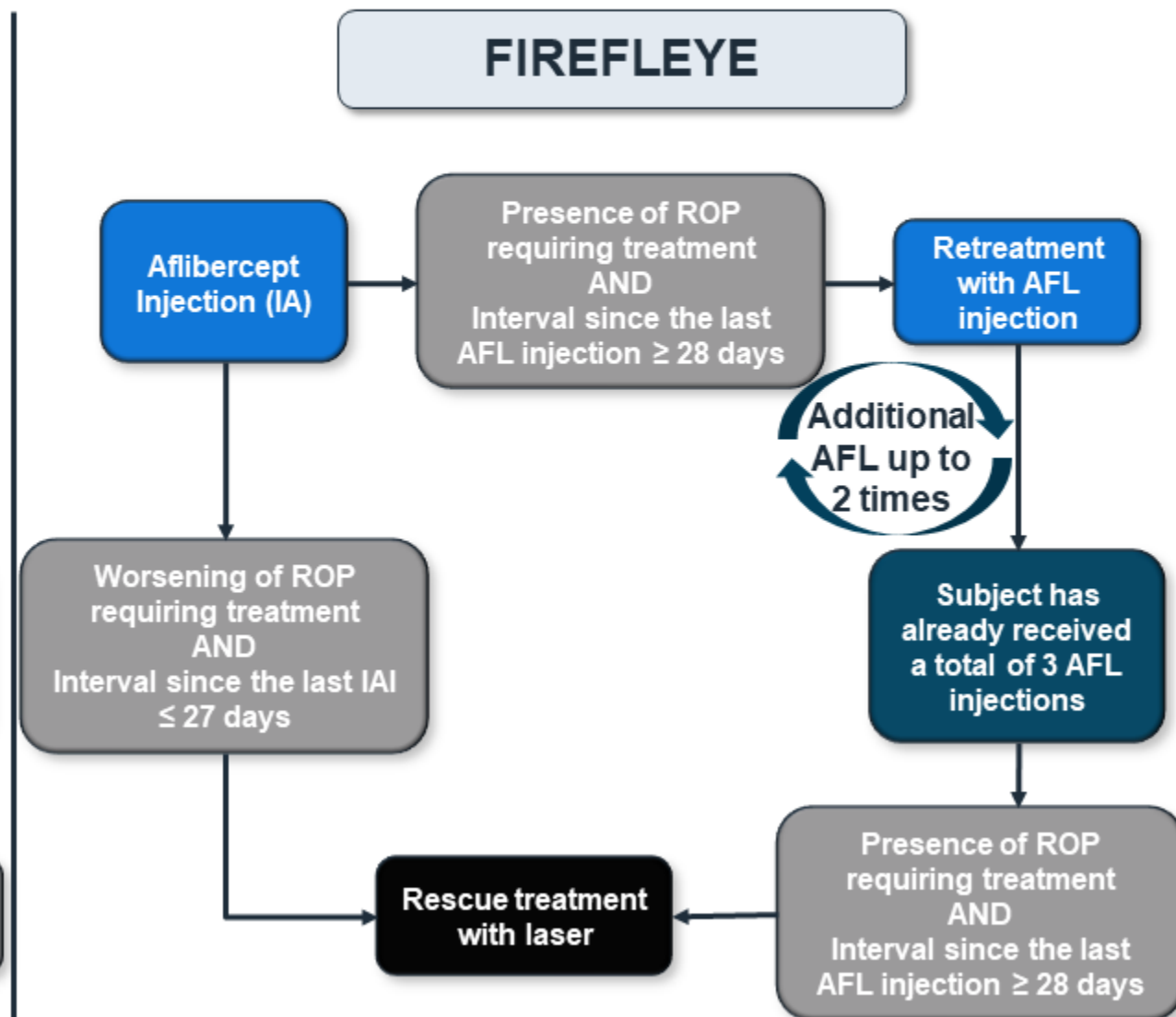
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# Aflibercept Treatment, Retreatment, and Rescue Treatment

## BUTTERFLEYE



## FIREFLEYE



# Proportion of Patients and Eyes with Complete Vascularization of the Retina at Week 52 CA (without rescue)

|   | BUTTERFLEYE                   | FIREFLEYE                     |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>By Patient*</b>  | <b>Aflibercept</b><br>N = 73  | <b>Aflibercept</b><br>N = 59  |
| <b>Patients with completion of vascularization of peripheral retina within 1 disc diameter of Ora Serrata</b> | <b>68%</b>                    | <b>75%</b>                    |
| <b>By Eye*</b>  | <b>Aflibercept</b><br>N = 141 | <b>Aflibercept</b><br>N = 114 |
| <b>Eyes with completion of vascularization of peripheral retina within 1 disc diameter of Ora Serrata</b>     | <b>67%</b>                    | <b>74%</b>                    |

\*Patients completing Week 52 CA visit and **not** receiving a second treatment modality

# RAINBOW – 2 Year Follow-Up

## Rates of Complete Vascularization

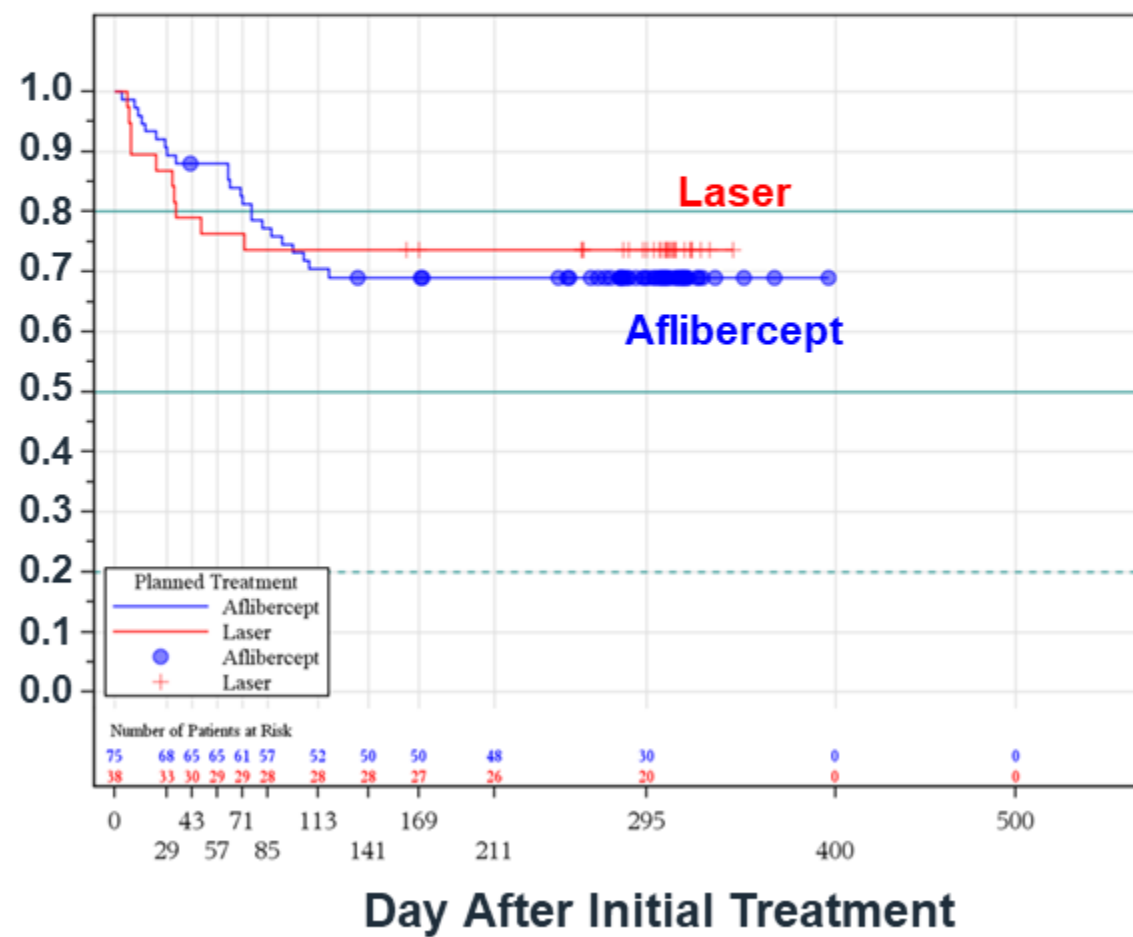
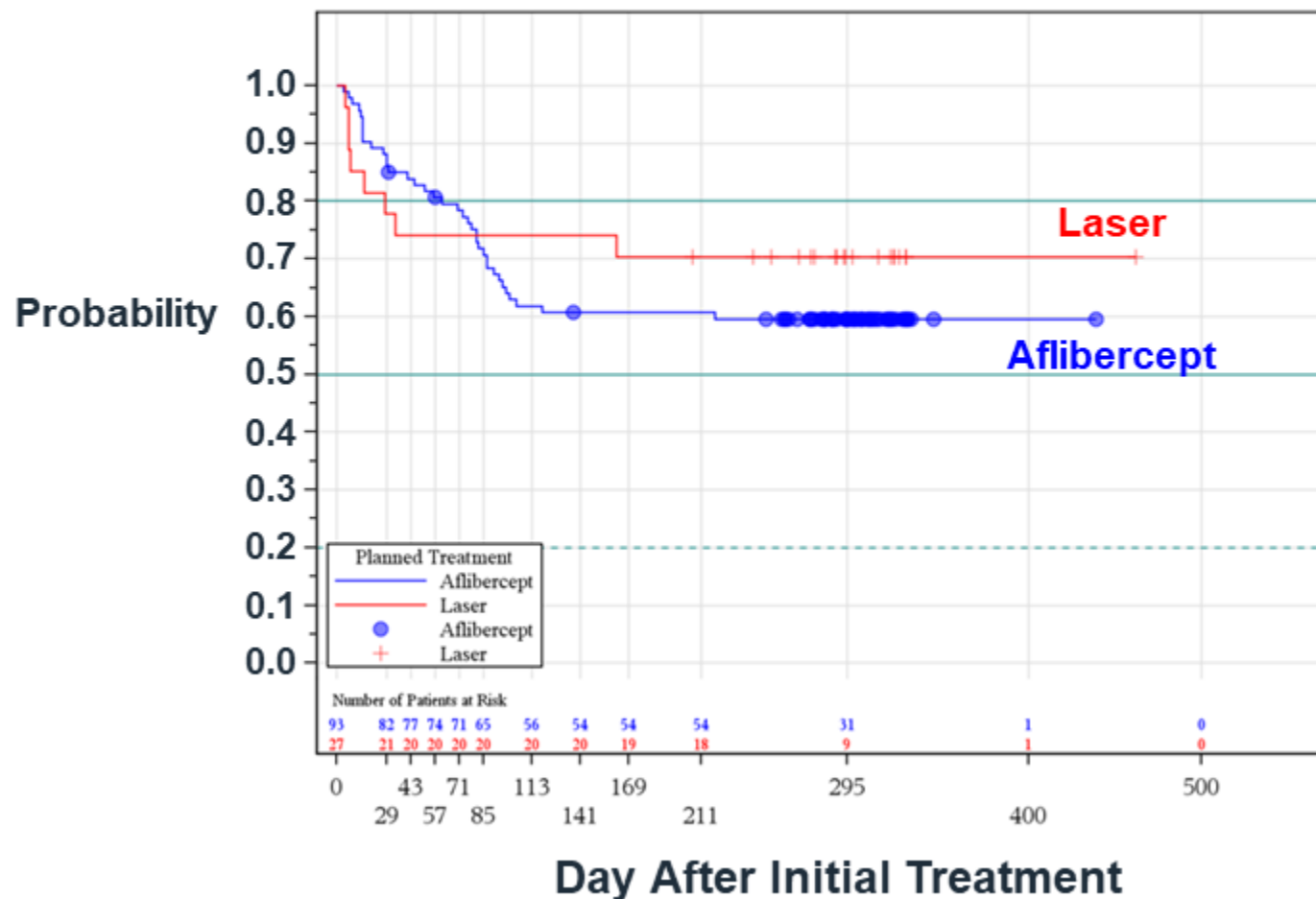
- Among the 298 eyes treated with ranibizumab only, full vascularization was recorded in 177 (59%) infants
  - Ranibizumab 0.2 mg 62% (91/146) of eyes
  - Ranibizumab 0.1 mg 57% (86/152) of eyes

# Time to First Recurrence of ROP

## Most Recurrence Occurs Within 16 Weeks of Initial Treatment

BUTTERFLEYE

FIREFLEYE



Dots (Aflibercept) or vertical lines (Laser) represent day of last follow-up in patients without recurrence

# Patients with Recurrence to Type I ROP or Worse Through Week 52 CA

