

Goals and Objectives of the Diagnostic Subcommittee

- **To create a register of diagnostic tests used in dry eye diagnosis with the following characteristics:**
 - *A Searchable register of referenced tests.*
 - *Variable sorting eg.*
 - Alphabetical by test name;
 - By organ system tested
 - Aqueous dynamics,
 - Tear Stability,
 - Tear composition,
 - Meibomian Gland function etc.
 - By Utility, eg.
 - Diagnostic Classification criteria
 - Clinical trials
 - Recruitment – entry criteria
 - Outcome measures
 - Monitoring specific drug actions eg. anti-inflammatories; secretagogues
 - Natural history
 - *Identification of Evidence Level*
 - [this will be a second phase of development]
 - validation /precision and accuracy of tests
 - system used: eg. BMJ; etc
- **To consider the operational use of tests in different clinical environments**
 - In general clinics*
 - What tests are feasible?
 - What questionnaires can be made available?
 - In dry eye clinics*
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 - In Clinical Trials*
 - Selection of tests
 - Order of Tests
 - In non-trial Clinical Research*
- **Manuals of Operation for individual tests**
 - Consider for selected, key tests
 - Interface with industry
- **Future Prospects**
 - What new tests are needed?
 - How can they be brought to the general clinic?
- **To Consider Publication Aspects:** *Presentation on the DEWS web site*
 - Introductory narrative about epidemiological methods pertaining to the validation of tests
 - Legal aspects and disclaimers
 - Gated Access?
 - Facilitate for Video display (eg. to demonstrate standard conduct of the test)
 - Updating policy and procedure
 - Maintenance of the web site – long term goals and feasibility