

Standardization of Uveitis Nomenclature (SUN) - 2005



Objective

To create a standardized framework and classification system for grading uveitis.

Methods

Design: Expert Workshop to agree on consensus grading and classification of uveitis

Working Groups

- 1) Terminology
- 2) Grading inflammation and documenting complications
- 3) Outcomes and results reporting

Standardization factors

- Anatomic
- Timing and clinical course
- Inflammation grading

Results

Point 1: Anatomic classification serves as primary framework and is based on the primary site(s) of inflammation

- Anterior uveitis includes the anterior chamber (iritis, iridocyclitis, anterior cyclitis)
- Intermediate uveitis includes the vitreous (pars planitis, posterior cyclitis, hyalitis)
- Posterior uveitis includes the retina and choroid (note that CME is a complication, not a site)
- Panuveitis is when all are involved

Point 2: Timing and course are separate characterization factors

- Onset can be described as sudden or insidious
- Duration less than 3 months is described as "limited" whereas >3 months was "persistent"
- Course could be described as acute, recurrent (repeated episodes without inactivity off treatment, or chronic (persistent uveitis with relapse <3 months after discontinuing treatment)

Point 3: Grading criteria for cell and flare were presented as the standard

TLDR: The SUN group identified a clear framework for classifying and characterizing uveitis based on location, clinical course