



INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL DIABETIC RETINOPATHY
DISEASE SEVERITY SCALE

5 Levels for Diabetic Retinopathy – none, mild, moderate, severe and proliferative

Proposed Disease Severity Level	Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy
No Apparent Retinopathy	€ No abnormalities
Mild Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy	Microaneurysms only
Moderate Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy	More than just microaneurysms but less than Severe NPDR
Severe Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy	Any of the following: € More than 20 intraretinal hemorrhages in each of 4 quadrants € Definite venous beading in 2+ quadrants € Prominent IRMA in 1+ quadrant <u>And no</u> signs of proliferative retinopathy
Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy	One or more of the following: € Neovascularization € Vitreous/preretinal hemorrhage

A more detailed table for the International Clinical DR Disease Severity Scale is available, with more explanation of the disease severity levels, linkages to the ETDRS levels, standard photographs, and management options. Please contact Flora Lum, M.D. at the AAO, 415 561-8500.