

International Clinical Diabetic Retinopathy Disease Severity Scale

Proposed Disease Severity Level	Findings Observable upon Dilated Ophthalmoscopy
No apparent retinopathy	No abnormalities
Mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy	Microaneurysms only
Moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy	More than just microaneurysms but less than severe NPDR
Severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy	Any of the following:
	 More than 20 intraretinal hemorrhages in each of four quadrants
	 Definite venous beading in two or more quadrants
	 Prominent IRMA in one or more quadrants
	And no signs of proliferative retinopathy
Proliferative diabetic retinopathy	One or both of the following:
	 Neovascularization
	 Vitreous/preretinal hemorrhage

IRMA = intraretinal microvascular abnormalities; NPDR = nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy