Data collection was through patient discharges recorded in the NIS from 1998 to 2013. Only patients ≥18 years old who received a PCI with insertion of a bare metal or drug eluting stent were included. Patients were excluded from analysis if they either did not receive a PCI or underwent a concomitant cardiac procedure: coronary artery bypass graft, cardiac valve repair or replacement, or left ventricular assist device insertion. The primary outcome, ischemic optic neuropathy, was reported as volume (n) and incidence per 10,000 [95% confidence interval]. Results are nationwide estimates using NIS weighting and STATA survey function.

Abbreviations: ION = ischemic optic neuropathy; NIS = National Inpatient Sample; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention.