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# Helpful Pearls

- Watch out for **buzz words** in questions and cases o "painful, unilateral vs bilateral, reduced, new medicines, time course, S/S
- Process of **ELIMINATION**!
- Make an educated guess
- After reading the case or questions, start thinking about differential diagnoses
- READ THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS thoroughly
- Pretend these are your patients
- **RELAX and BREATHE!**
- Be mindful of the test TIME!
- Memorization alone will not help you on this test, clinical analysis will!

## THINK LIKE A DOCTOR!

- Case History

  - Consider time course (acute vs. chronic); RECURRENT Gender/Race/Location/FHx/ Age MEDICATIONS! Know the MOA and SEs (Systemic/Ocular)
  - Medical History
- Describe what you see
- Differential Diagnoses
- Clinical Tests
- Treatment/Management (previous tx)
- Follow Ups
- Pertinent Negatives
- APPLY INFORMATION LEARN!!!



# Remember This: Problem Solving 101



# Piecing it Together

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Pharmacology
- Systemic Disease
- Ocular Disease



# **Ocular Pharmacology**

# Understanding the Why: Key Considerations Before Rx'ing

- Diagnosis & Etiology:
   What is the primary condition being treated?
  - o Is it bacterial, viral, inflammatory, or systemic?

#### • Mechanism of Action:

- $\circ\quad \text{How does this drug work?}$
- $\circ\quad$  Does it target the underlying cause or just symptoms?

#### • Patient-Specific Factors:

- $\circ \quad \mathsf{Age, pregnancy \, status, \, kidney/liver \, function,} \\$ allergies

  Medication interactions and contraindications

## Understanding the Why: Key Considerations Before Rx'ing

• Risk vs. Benefit:

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- o Will the treatment provide more benefit than
- Are side effects manageable or severe?

#### **Alternative Therapies:**

- Could another treatment be equally or more
- o Are non-pharmacological options available?
- Compliance & Accessibility:
  - o Is the medication affordable and available?
  - o Will the patient adhere to the treatment plan

Before You Rx.....Ask Yourself

- Who is in my chair

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- Age
  Personal Medical History (Kidney/Liver)
  Allergies \*\*\*\*\*
  Contraindications

- Current MedicationsBWI \*\*\*\*
- o How much
  - Intended Therapeutic Effect
- Cognitive and Physical Ability of patient
- Compliance



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Construction Paper Color Key A. Pink **B.** Orange C. Yellow D. Red E. Green



# Mingle Game-Multiple Response Edition

• In this game, you will be presented with a case followed by follow-up questions.

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• For each question, you must select two or more correct answer choices.



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# Case Question

A 35-year-old patient presents to your office with redness, swelling, and warmth around their right eye, along with mild discomfort. There is no pain with eye movement, but the eyelid is tender to the touch. The patient also reports no fever and has no history of trauma or recent sinus

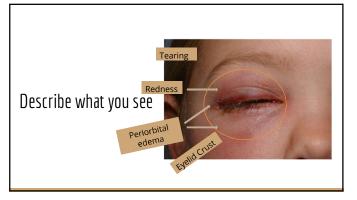
Dx: preseptal cellulitis



Describe what you see



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Soft Tissue & Gland Infections

- Preseptal, MGD, Lid Edema, Hordeolum TX:

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- Category BOral Penicillins
  - (Augmentin 875 mg BID/ Amoxicillin 875mg X BID)
     Oral Cephalosporins
     (Cephalexin 500 mg x BID)

  - Oral Azithromycin (500 mg/
  - Oral Erythromycin (500 mg x





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Case Question

18 WM YO chronic allergy patient presents with sudden pain and blurred vision (see photo)

Dx: Vernal Keratoconjunctivitis



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## Question

- All are effective in treating VKC EXCEPT:
  - A. Topical Immunomodulator
  - o **B**. Surgical Excision
  - o **C.** Topical Antiviral
  - o **D.** Topical Antibiotic
  - o **E**. Corneal Debridement

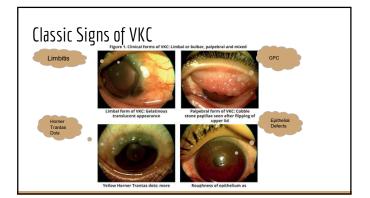
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Current Treatment of VKC

Mild (Grade 1)

Avoidance
Lubricants
Antihistamines
Moderate (Grade 2)

\*\*\*\*Mild Teatment
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Characteristics	VKC	AKC
Age of Onset	Usually <10 YO	>20 YOs
Sex	Male > Female	No Gender Difference
Seasonal Variation	> Spring Months	Perennial
Discharge	Thick, mucoid	Watery, clear
Conjunctival Scarring	Moderate incidence	High incidence
Horners Trantas dots	Common	Rare
Corneal Neovascularization	Not present unless secondary to infectious keratitis	Tends to develop
Eosinophils in conjunctival scraping	More likely	Less likely



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## Case Question

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# Viral Conjunctivitis

- Mild-Moderate Cases: AT's and monitor
- Severe: Topical Steroid
- Prednisolone or Loteprednol 1% Presence of pseudomembranes and/or subepithelial infiltrates (SEIs)
- Betadine Therapy (EKC)
  - CAUTION:
    - should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit to the mother justifies the potential risk to the fetus;
  - non-prescription use should be avoided.

    increases breast milk iodine levels and can cause transient hypothyroidism in breastfed infants



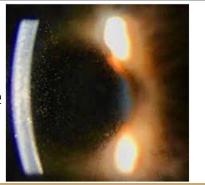




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Case

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Anterior Uveitis (G/NG)

Topical
Corticosteroids(Category C)
Topical Prednisolone 1%
Penetrates poorly into breastmilk
Safe for short-term use
Punctal occlusion
Topical Cycloplegics/Mydriatics
Preg pts: Topical
Cyclopentolate
Punctal Occlusion
recommended

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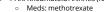
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Case Question

- CC: Severe eye pain OS, which she describes as deep, aching, and worsening with eye movement x 3 days
- has been progressively getting worse.
   She also reports feeling a dull headache and redness in the eye OS
  - denies any visual changes or discharge.
- Clinical Findings

  Significant, deep conjunctival injection blue-ish hue around the limbus, cornea
- appears clear PHX: Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)





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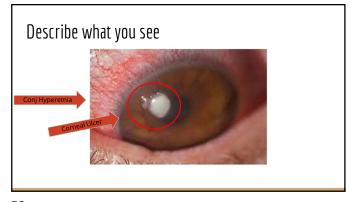
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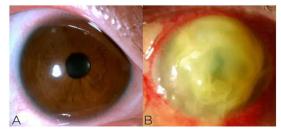
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Non-infectious vs Infectious Etiology



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#### Corneal Bacterial Keratitis

- Tx
  - o Topical Antibiotics (Category B)
    - Tobramycin
    - Polymyxin B
    - Erythromycin
    - Azithromycin
  - Severe cases→ Fortified cephalosporins





## Infectious Microbial Keratitis

- Fortified Therapies have an excellent safety profile for severe bacterial keratitis
  - o Topical cephalosporin antibiotics,
    - such as cefazolin and ceftazidime
  - Topical tobramycin antibiotics
  - Topical fluoroguinolones



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Which of the following is a common side effect of fluoroquinolones when used topically in the treatment of ocular infections? (Select 1)

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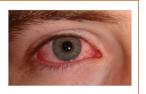


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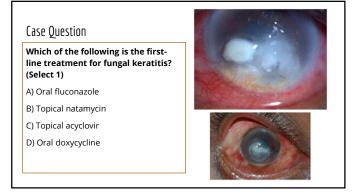
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Case Question

Which of the following is the first-line treatment for fungal keratitis?

A) Oral fluconazole

B) Topical natamycin

C) Topical acyclovir

D) Oral doxycycline

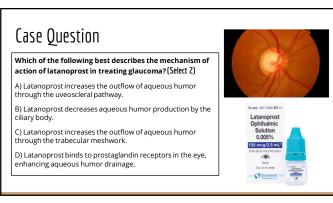
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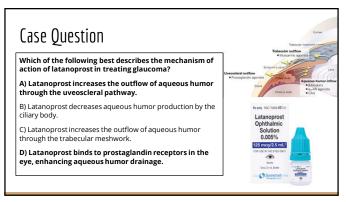


Case

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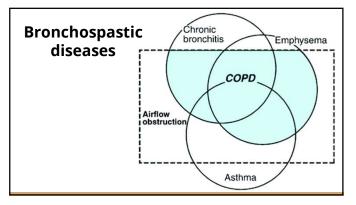
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**Question Time** 

A patient on Timolol drops for glaucoma presents with fatigue and shortness of breath. What systemic condition should be considered?

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Which glaucoma medication works by inhibiting the enzyme carbonic anhydrase, thereby decreasing the production of aqueous humor? (Select 1)

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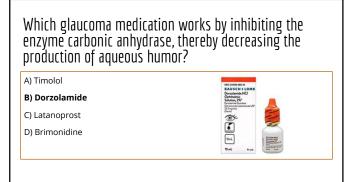
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C) Latanoprost

D) Brimonidine

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Dry Eye Syndrome

- Dry Eye Syndrome
  o Anti-inflammatory medication→ cyclosporine A

  ■ Category C

  OTC lubricate AT's and Gels
- (safe) o OTC low dose Brimonidine
  - Category B LUMIFY





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## Ocular Allergies

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  - Most topical antihistamines are Category B and safe to use → alcaftadine 0.25%
    - However, **Pataday and Pazeo** are <u>Category C</u>
- Low dose topical steroid use; short term (PF, FML)
- Omega 3 fish oil supplements are safe (fish oil allergies are RARE)





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## Ocular Pharm Pearls

- Organize by Drug Class
  - Categorize by MOA (Mechanism of Action)
    - I.e. Cholinergic, Adrenergic, Anti-inflammatory, etc.
  - Create a drug chart
  - (Drug Name | MOA | Uses | Side Effects | Contraindications
- Go hard on common ophthalmic drugs used in practice
  - o Autonomic Drugs (Mydriatics vs. Miotics)
  - Glaucoma Medications (Beta-blockers, PGAs, CAIs, etc)
  - Ocular Antibiotics & Antivirals
  - Steroids & NSAIDs (Ocular inflammation & side effects)



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## Ocular Pharm Pearls

- Memorization Hacks
  - o Mnemonics & Acronyms
    - - "ABC" for Beta-Blockers→ (Avoid in Asthma, Bradycardia, CHF)
      - "Never Let Go" for PGAs→ (Neovascularization, Lashes, Iris Color Change)
  - Flashcards!!!!
- Study Smart, Not Hard!
  - Active Recall > Passive Reading
  - Study with peers for discussion & retention
  - Review drug mechanisms visually (Flowcharts, Diagrams)

END

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# Systemic Pharmacology

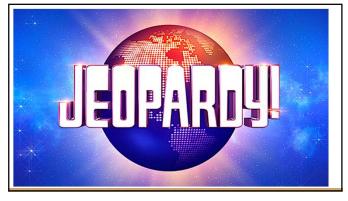
# Systemic Pharm Pearls



- Systemic drugs affecting the eye
  e.g., Topiramate Angle Closure
  Ocular side effects of common meds
  - l.e.
    - Digoxin → Xanthopsia
    - Hydroxychloroquine → Bulls-eye Maculopathy
- Link it to A&P
  - $\circ \quad \text{Where is the effect taking place} {\rightarrow} \, \text{Location!}$
- o What's happening to the eye/effect
- **Practice with Clinical Cases & Questions**

o Apply pharmacology to real cases

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First-line oral antiviral for herpes simplex keratitis



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What is valacyclovir, famciclovir or acyclovir?

The first-line therapy for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) to prevent vision loss.



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What are high-dose corticosteroids?

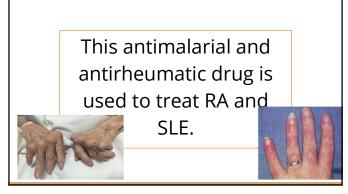
This class of drugs causes a blue-tinged vision (cyanopsia) as a side effect.



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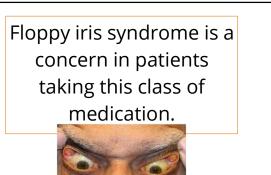
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What are PDE-5 inhibitors (e.g., sildenafil)?



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What is hydroxychloroquine?



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What are alpha-1 blockers (e.g., tamsulosin (Flomax)?

This medication can cause optic neuritis and color vision loss, particularly in tuberculosis treatment.

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What is ethambutol?

This chemotherapy drug can lead to crystalline retinopathy

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What is tamoxifen?

This drug can cause optic disc edema and increased intracranial pressure, mimicking IIH.

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What is tetracycline?

A drug that can cause "bull's eye maculopathy" when used long-term

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What is hydroxychloroquine?

This class of drugs is used for treating asthma and COPD by relaxing airway smooth muscles

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What are beta-2 agonists?

This drug class is used as first-line therapy for type 2 diabetes

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What are biguanides (e.g., metformin)?

This medication class is used for migraines and can cause vasoconstriction.

What are triptans?

Aldosterone antagonists belong to this diuretic class

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What are potassium-sparing diuretics?

Warfarin and heparin belong to this class of medications

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What are anticoagulants?

This class of medications treats glaucoma by increasing aqueous humor outflow.

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What are prostaglandin analogs?

Beta-blockers reduce intraocular pressure by decreasing this.

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What is aqueous humor production?

This drug prevents platelet aggregation by inhibiting COX-1 and COX-2

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What is aspirin?

Acetazolamide reduces intraocular pressure by inhibiting this enzyme

What is carbonic anhydrase?

Atropine works by blocking this type of receptor



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What are muscarinic receptors?

Warfarin works by inhibiting this vitamin-dependent clotting cascade



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What is Vitamin K?

This antibiotic inhibits DNA gyrase.

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What are fluoroquinolones?

Tetracyclines are contraindicated in these two populations

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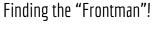
What are pregnant women and children under 8?

Avoid NSAIDs in patients with this chronic condition

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What is chronic kidney disease?

Systemic Diseases







## Case 1, 69 BF

• CC: sudden reduced vision and large floaters OD x 3 days with no improvement;

No pain or discomfort and light sensitivity OD only



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## Case History

- LEE: >5 years ago (?)Ocular History: Unremarkable
- Medical History:
  - o HTN, Obstructive sleep apnea (with CPAP use), Asthma
- Medicine: HCTZ, Albuterol Inhaler
- Family History: + DM, HTN, Heart Dz
  Allergies: NKDA
- **Observation:** Coughing, shortness of breath during case history reporting ...." I feel like I am coming down with something"

## Case Findings

- UCVA:
  - o **OD:** HM at 1 ft
  - o OS: 20/80
  - o NIPH OU
- IOP:
  - 10 mmHg OD | 11 mmHG OS
- **EOMs:** Full, no restrictions OD, OS
- Pupils: PERRLA OD, OS
- CVF: Restricted OD> OS

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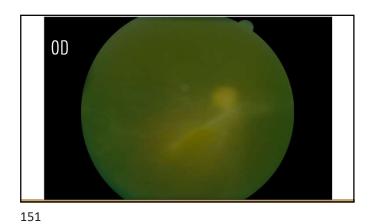
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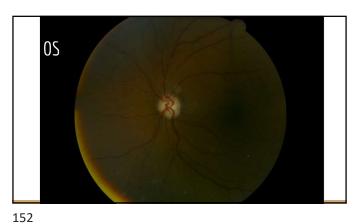
- Adnexa/Lids:
  - o Normal OD, OS
- Corneae:
  - o Moderately diffuse confluent SPK inferiorly OD, OS
- Conjunctiva:
  - o OD: 1+ Injection
  - o OS: Trace-1+ injection
- Iris: Normal and Reactive OU

# **Clinical Findings**

- Anterior Chamber:
  - o **OD:** Deep & Quiet (-)PAS/PS
  - o **OS**: Deep & Quiet (-)PAS/PS
- Lens: 1+ NS OU
- Posterior Segment (DFE): See next slide

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Moderately thin rim; enlarged C/D ratio;
Mild hypertensive changes OS

OCT (RNFL)

OD: Unable to obtain due to vitreous opacity

OS: Significantly reduced RNFL thickness (54um)

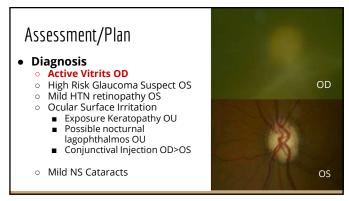
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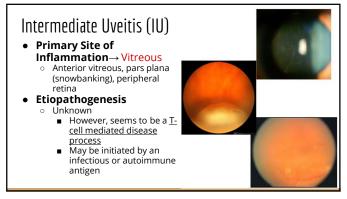
OD:

unable to obtain

Os:
Severe VF
constriction; multiple absolute defects
GHT: ONL
VFI: 26%
MD & PSD both reduced
Low reliability secondary to high FL



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Intermediate Uveitis (IU)

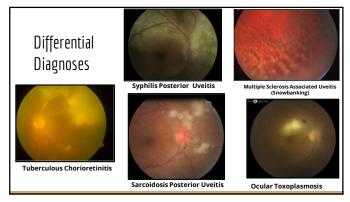
- Signs & Symptoms
  - Floaters
  - o Blurred vision
  - o Photophobia
  - Anterior chamber no or minimal findings
    - Cells and flare, KPs possible
  - Uncommon, pain, rednessPosterior synechiae
- <u>Vitritis</u> is a characteristic feature of IU

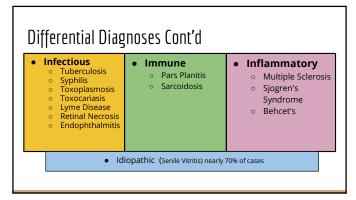


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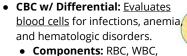


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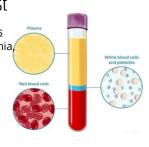
Assessment/Plan

- Referred to Retina & Infectious Disease
  - o B-Scan Ultrasonography
    - Multiple dense, clumped vitreal opacities OD, Clear OS; Retina intact OD, OS
  - Ordered serology, chest X-ray, and urinalysis (same day)
    - CBC w/ diff, ESR, CRP, BMP, PPD, FTA-ABS, RPR, ANA, ELISA, Antibody/Antigen, PCR, ACE

Inflammatory & Immune Test



- Components: RBC, WBC platelets, and WBC differential.
- Key Conditions: Infections, anemia, leukemia.

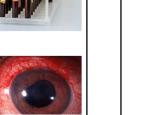


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# Inflammatory & Immune Test

- ESR & CRP: Detect inflammation.
  - ESR: Measures RBC sedimentation rate; slower to respond.
  - CRP: Sensitive marker for acute inflammation and infection.
  - Key Conditions: Autoimmune diseases, cardiovascular risks.
- ANA: Detects auto-antibodies for autoimmune disorders.
  - a. Key Conditions: Lupus, Sjögren's syndrome, scleroderma.





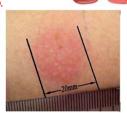
Infectious Disease Testing

PPD: Screens for tuberculosis.

Method: Skin test, measured after 48-72 hours.

Key Condition: Tuberculosis (TB).





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Infectious Disease Testing

- FTA-ABS & RPR: Syphilis diagnostics.
  - o RPR: Screening (non-specific).
  - o FTA-ABS: Confirmatory (specific to Treponema pallidum).
- Elisa & Antibody/Antigen Tests: Detect infections and immune responses.
  - ELISA: Quantifies antibodies/antigens (e.g., HIV, Lyme).
  - Antibody/Antigen Tests: Rapid diagnostics

for diseases like COVID-19.

Molecular & Metabolic Tests

- PCR: <u>Amplifies DNA/RNA sequences</u> for precise
  - Applications: COVID-19, genetic mutations, infections.
- BMP: Assesses kidney function, electrolytes, and glucose levels.
  - Components: Sodium, potassium, BUN, creatinine, glucose, calcium. Key Conditions: *Diabetes, kidney disease*,
- ACE Test: Measures ACE levels to evaluate
  - . Key Condition: Sarcoidosis.



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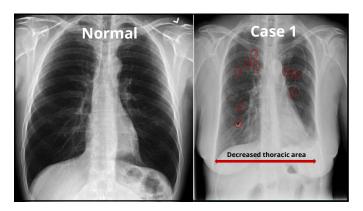
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# Serology Test Results

- CBC w/ differential: elevated WBCs (>15,000/mm3)
- ESR: elevated (>10mm/h)
- CRP: elevated (>100mg/L)
- PCR: elevated

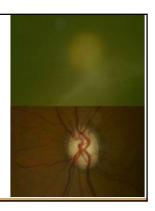


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# Updated Assessment & Plan

- Legionnaires Disease
  - Urinary analysis positive for legionella
- Severe Normal Tension Glaucoma OS x OSA



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# Legionnaires Disease

- Caused by **Legionella pneumophila** 
  - o Gram negative, aerobic bacteria
- Ranks fourth among common causes of pneumonia
  - o (S. pneumoniae, H. influenzae, Chlamydophila pneumoniae)
  - o <u>Community-Acquired Pneumonia</u>
- Atypical pneumonias
  - Gram stained sputum smear does not show organisms
- Prevalent worldwide
- DDx: Pontiac Fever (Milder Case; flu-like symptoms)

## **Transmission**

- The <u>most common form of transmission</u> of Legionella is **inhalation of aerosols from contaminated water into the lungs** 
  - ∘ i.e.
    - Non-potable water sources:
      - Air conditioning cooling towers, hot and cold water systems, humidifiers, whirlpool heated spas
    - Potable water sources:
      - Showers heads, faucets, respiratory therapy machines
- No person to person transmission has been reported

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#### Risk Factors

- Age
- History of cigarette smoking
- Chronic lung disease
- Immunosuppression
- Possible Exposure
  - Large bodies of water (i.e. lakes, streams)
  - Inside free living ameba
  - o Warm water



# Clinical Presentation of Legionnaires Disease

2-10 day incubation period

- Pneumonia
- Fever
- Pleurisy
- Purulent sputum
- Cough
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Renal Failure



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## Diagnosis

- Chest X-Ray
- Sputum Culture \*
- Direct Fluorescent Antibody staining of sputum
- Urinary Antigen Testing\*
- Antibody serology

High sensitivity



**Obstructive Sleep Apnea** 

 Sleeping disorder characterized by <u>lapses in</u> <u>breathing</u> during sleep

• Causes:

- o Large tonsils, hormonal changes, obesity
- Multifactorial
- Risk Factors
  - o Men>Women
  - Age (>60yrs)

 Central Sleep Apnea→ brain doesn't send signal to breathe



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# Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)

- Goal
  - Uses mild air pressure to maintain breathing airways are open during sleep
- Commonly prescribed to treat sleep-related breathing disorders, i.e. sleep apnea
  - May be used to treat preterm infants



OSA, CPAP & Legionella

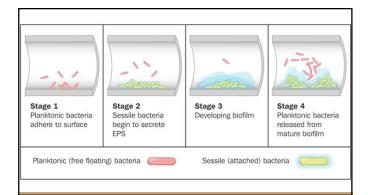
 Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation and CPAP (masks and tubing) are potential sources of legionella infection,

> Especially if the equipment is <u>not</u> cleaned appropriately.



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OSA, CPAP & Legionella

 Many OSA patients with CPAP at home and must be instructed how to clean their devices appropriately.

- $\circ \quad \hbox{Cleaned daily with } \textbf{distilled water}$
- Rinsing with tap water, instead of distilled water → potential source of legionella colonization
- Most recommend that the tubing and humidifier be cleaned at least weekly if not daily
- In addition.
  - Masks and tubing are designed to be disposable
     Should not be used more than their recommended
  - periods (3-6 months for CPAP masks)



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## OSA & the Eye

- OSA is the major risk factor for developing glaucoma (especially NTG)
  - o Studies show strong association between OSA and glaucoma.
    - Decreased blood perfusion to the head
- Complete ophthalmic evaluation should be advised at every follow-up for patients with OSA
  - o Undergo regular glaucoma screening and IOP monitoring
- Increased risks: Dry Eyes, NAION, Papilledema, FES



Case Follow Up

- First Line of Treatment→ Antibiotics
  - o Macrolides or Fluoroquinolones (Oral/IV)
- Levofloxacin or azithromycin for 7–10 days is recommended
- Hospitalization may be needed in severe cases
- Case 1:
  - o Patient was treated with a single high dose of IV azithromycin; continued oral azithromycin 500mg BID x 10 days
  - o Continued with retina for intravitreal steroid injections
  - $\circ$  Continued with glaucoma for care
  - 4 months post-therapy BCVA: 20/100, 20/80
    - Severe NTG detected in OD

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**SL** Findings

- Marked conjunctival injection OU
- Ciliary flush OU
- 2+ cell/flare OU
- Large keratic precipitates (KP) and mutton fats on the corneal endothelium OU.
- There was central posterior synechiae around the pupil margin



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What is the most appropriate diagnosis of this case?

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- C. Sarcoid
- D. Tuberculosis
- E. Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis



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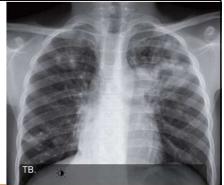
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TB **CHEST** X-Ray



## **RULE OF THUMB**

- If you an infectious uveitis, <u>RULE OUT TB, SYPHILIS, and</u> HIV!!
  - These conditions can be great masqueraders and are often paired together

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**UCRAP** 

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- A. PSC
- B. CME
- C. PAS
- D. All of the above

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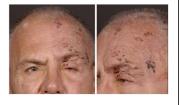


# Case 3 Question

78 YO White Male Presents to Clinic

**CC:** Painful skin rash on left side of head and near eye X 1 day

Based on the photo shown, answer the following questions.



#### Question

- All are appropriate ophthalmic therapies for HZO epithelial keratitis except?
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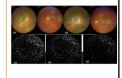
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#### Ocular HSV

- Oral Antivirals (Category B)
- o Acyclovir 400 mg 5x/day x 10 days
  - ONLY antiviral approved for use in lactating women
- o Valacyclovir 250 mg tid x 7 days
- Famciclovir 500 mg tid x 7 days
- Topical Antivirals (Category C)
- o Trifluridine
- Zirgan
- Stromal/AC Rxn Involvement
- o Topical Prednisolone Acetate 1%
- Loteprednol 1%

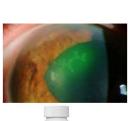


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#### **HSV** Recurrence

- Prophylaxis (Category B): Oral therapy
  - o Acyclovir 400 mg bid po
  - o Valacyclovir 250 mg bid po
  - o Famciclovir 500 mg qd po
- Long-term use of antivirals
  - CMP and liver/kidney monitoring





Case Question

28 WF YO presents with bilateral ON edema (see photo)

Based on this case information, what statement is most likely to be true?

- A. Not a malignant hypertensive crisis
- B. MRI assessment is not appropriate
- C. It is safe to assume lumbar puncture readings are within normal ranges
- D. B-Scan ultrasonography may aid investigation

Which of the following pharmacological treatments is most commonly used to manage papilledema caused by increased intracranial pressure? (Select 2)



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B) Timolol

C) Pilocarpine

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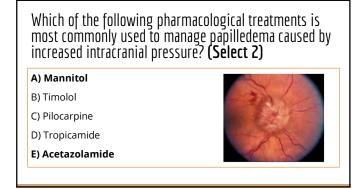
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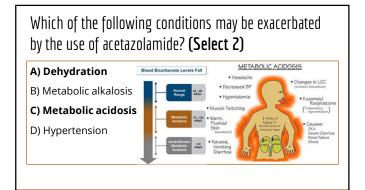




Which of the following conditions may be exacerbated by the use of acetazolamide? (Select 2)

A) Dehydration
B) Metabolic alkalosis
C) Metabolic acidosis
D) Hypertension

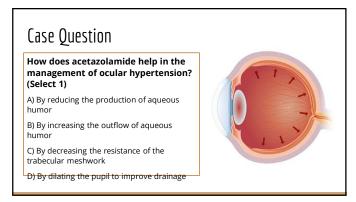
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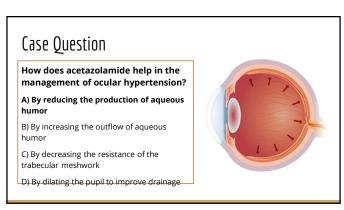


Papilledema

Dx of Exclusion
MRI/MRV (w/ and w/o contrast)
LP for elevated CSF
Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)
Lifestyle changes/diet/weight loss
Tx
Oral Acetazolamide or Topiramate
Metabolic Panel
DEHYDRATION
Category C
Most cases, monitor x 3-6 months
Repeat VF/OCT
Co-manage w/ ophth and neuro-OPH

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- A) Endocarditis
- B) Anoxia
- C) Leukemia
- D) Sickle cell disease



examination? A) Endocarditis

- B) Anoxia

What am I?

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- D) Sickle cell disease



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# Red Light, Green Light

• You will be shown a picture of an ocular disease.

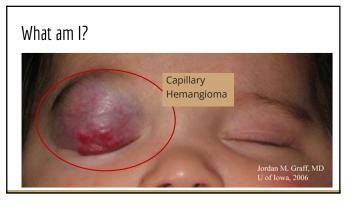








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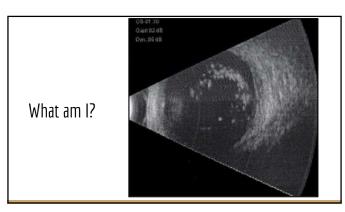
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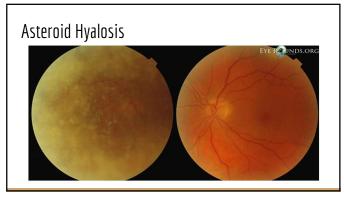
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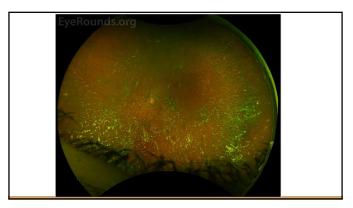
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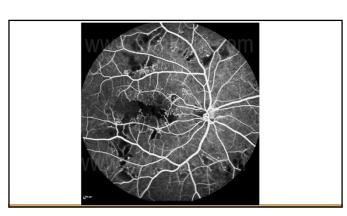
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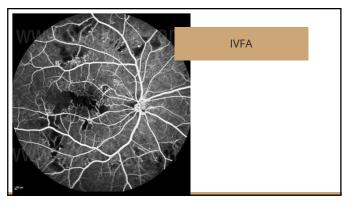


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# NAME THAT TEST



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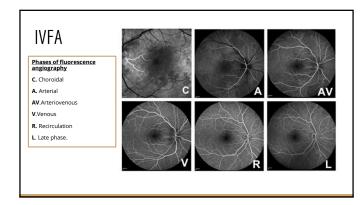
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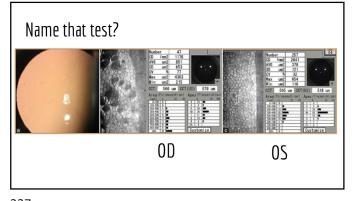
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Spectacular Microscope: Endothelial Cell Count/Density

OD

OS

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#### Case

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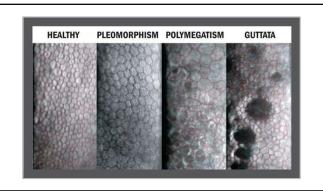
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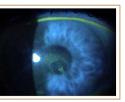
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# Case 9

- A 25-year-old male who had been experiencing a right-sided subcostal tenderness and increasing fatigue for the last several months.
- He also had noticed dark urine, jaundice and a 60 pound weight loss.



Case 9

- Based on your slit lamp exam, what is the name of this ocular finding?
- A. Krukenberg's spindle
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   B. Kayser Fleischer Ring
- C. Stocker's line
- D. Whorl Keratopathy

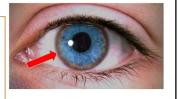


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Pigmented deposits on the cornea



Stockers line



Keratopathy

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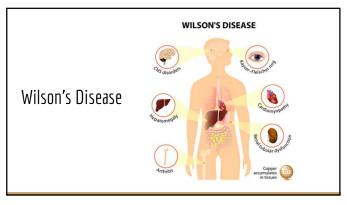
- A. A liver biopsy is possible
- B. Blood tests can monitor the liver function
- C. Liver tissue biopsy may reveal elevated levels of creatine
- D. Genetic mutations may be observed through blood analysis

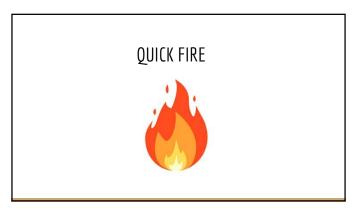
Case Question

Which of the following statements below is incorrect regarding the Wilson's Disease diagnostic work-up?

- A. A liver biopsy is possible
- B. Blood tests can monitor the liver function
- C. Liver tissue biopsy may reveal elevated levels of creatine
- D. Genetic mutations may be observed through blood analysis

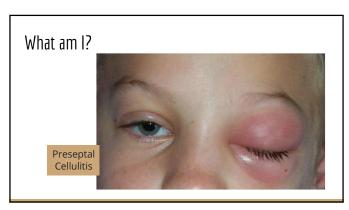
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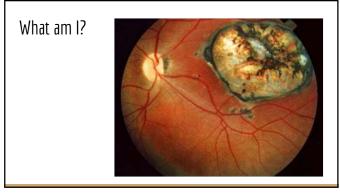


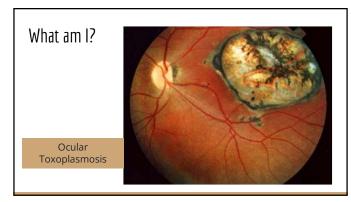
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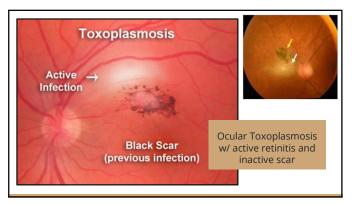
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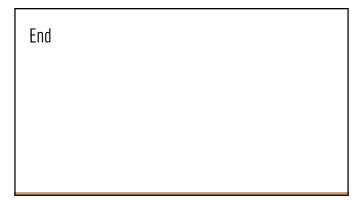
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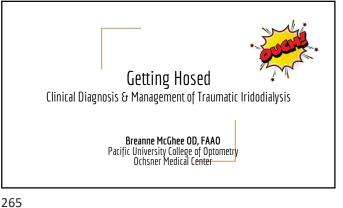


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• **CC:** red, painful, photophobic OS after accidentally being injured with a compressed air hose nozzle



• **No** safety eyewear protection was worn at the time of the accident

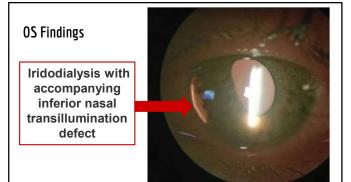
## **Clinical Findings**

- VA (unaided):
  - o OD: 20/20
  - o OS: 20/400
  - o No improvement to pinhole
- Pupillary testing
  - o Distorted, irregular D shaped OS pupil (-)APD
- - o 18mmHg OD | 19 mmHg OS

Clinical Findings Cont'd

- Slit lamp:
  - Mild nasal bulbar conjunctival abrasion
  - Mild conjunctival injection
  - Grade 1+ traumatic iritis
  - o Moderately diffused central corneal edema
  - Trace hyphema
  - Sectoral disinsertion of the iris located inferior nasally from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock with a corresponding transillumination defect

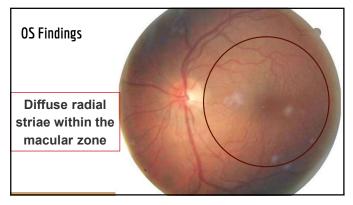
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**Clinical Findings** 

- Anterior segment findings in the right eye (OD) were unremarkable.
- Gonioscopy was deferred due to the presence of active inflammation and hyphema.

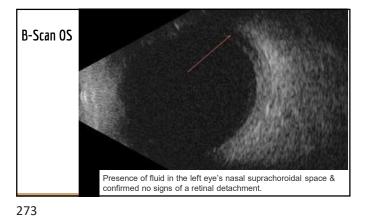
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Fundus Assessment OS

- Multiple pre- and subretinal hemorrhages peripherally in the left eye.
- Retinas were intact with no holes, breaks or tears.

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Assessment & Plan

- **Dx**: large iridodialysis, traumatic iritis, and commotio retinae OS was made.
- **Rx** topical cyclopentolate 1% BID, erythromycin topical ophthalmic 0.5 % ointment TID and Pred Forte (prednisolone acetate, Allergan) Q3H in the left eye until his follow-up in 24 hours.
- Advised head elevation during sleep and begin topical lubricants for anterior surface irritation.
- Avoid ASA for pain management; consider oral Tylenol

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#### Case Follow Up

- The next day the patient exhibited significant improvement in ocular signs and symptoms.
- The conjunctival abrasion and iritis resolved, he showed improved corneal edema and resolving hyphema
- Referrals were made to retina specialty for posterior segment evaluation and general ophthalmology for possible surgery.

**Iridodialysis** 

- Iridodialysis is the separation of the iris root from its ciliary body insertions
- Commonly sequelae of blunt or penetrating **ocular trauma**.
  - However, intraocular surgical procedures or congenital causes are possible
- Occurrences are commonly unilaterally and sectoral,
  - although complete dialysis of the iris have been reported

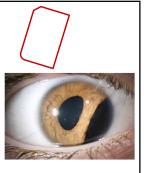




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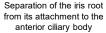
## Iridodialysis

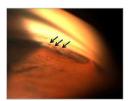
- The detachment of the peripheral iris root, the thinnest attachment, results in the classic "D-shaped" pupil sign
  - where the pupillary margin, opposite of the dissection, flattens.



## Iridodialysis vs Cyclodialysis







Separation of the ciliary body from its insertion at the scleral spur

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#### Iridodialysis Clinical Presentation

- Pain, traumatic uveal inflammation
- Conjunctival injection
- Subconjunctival hemorrhage
- Hyphema
- Corneal abrasion
- Decreased or increased IOP
- Angle recession
- Vitreous hemorrhage or retinal detachments
- Photophobia
- Unilateral diplopia

### Treatment & Management

- Management depends on the size and location of the iridodialysis.
  - Small, localized dialyses (<3 clock hours) may resolve spontaneously during post-inflammatory period
    - May not require treatment
- Cosmesis is also a concern.

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#### Treatment & Management

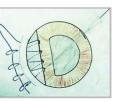
- **Superior** dialyses are often covered by the upper lid and may present with fewer concerns,
  - Whereas temporal or inferior iridodialyses are <u>more</u> <u>symptomatic</u>.
- Larger dialysis (more than 2 clock hours) requires a non-emergent referral for surgical intervention,





## Treatment & Management

- Surgical interventions
  - o Depends on location & amount of iris area torn

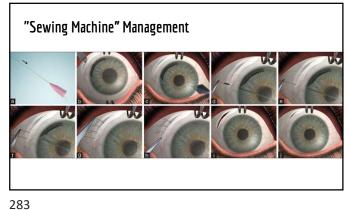




Cobbler Method

Hang Back Method

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#### Treatment & Management

- Associated collateral ocular trauma complications
  - (e.g., corneal abrasion, elevated IOP, retinal detachment)
  - o must be addressed, treated and managed accordingly with topical ophthalmic preparations or surgical interventions.



## Treatment & Management

- Cycloplegics (anticholinergic drugs) are effective in alleviating pain
- Topical corticosteroids and non-steroidal antiinflammatory agents can reduce acute immune
- Anti-glaucoma medications may be used to lower IOP in ocular hypertensive concurrent cases
  - o I.e Beta-blockers, alpha agonists, and carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
  - Avoid PGAs







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#### **Clinical Considerations**

- Following the resolution of any accompanying inflammatory reactions, gonioscopy can rule out any trabecular meshwork damage or angle recession.
- Dialyzed angles with under 180° involvement have a lower risk for the development of secondary angle recession glaucoma.
- The **prognosis of iridodialysis is good** post-surgical therapy

Follow Up

#### • The patient returned asymptomatic and was happy with the cosmetic outcomes at his three-month follow up post-surgical iris repair.

- Visual unaided acuities were 20/20 OD, 20/20 OS.
- His anterior and posterior segment findings were unremarkable with normotensive IOP in both eyes.
- Sequential follow ups at six months revealed stable findings with the patient remaining stable at each visit.
- Being stable, annual clinic visits were recommended for observation.

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