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# WARNING!!!!!

# **SOME PICTURES ARE VERY GRAPHIC**

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# **Basic Medical Terminology**

#### Retinopathy

- Conjunctivitis
- Hyperopia
- Intraocular

**Basic Medical Terminology** 

| Prefix | Root       | Suffix |
|--------|------------|--------|
|        | retino     | pathy  |
|        | conjunctiv | itis   |
| hyper  |            | opia   |
| intra  | ocular     |        |



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# The Visual System



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# Objectives

• Discuss the anatomy and Physiology of the

- Ciliary BodyCrystalline Lens and structure

- Retina Cranial Nerves
- Diseases associated with the eye

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# The Eyelid

- <u>7 Layers of the eyelids</u>
  1. Epidermis Skin thinnest layer
- 2. Subcutaneous connective tissue 3. Striated Muscle

- Active tissue 5. Tarsal plate or fibrous layer • thickest layer
- 6. Smooth muscle 7. Conjunctiva (Bulbar/Palpebral)





#### **Eyebrows and Eyelashes**

 Eyebrows
 Thickened ridge of skin with short hairs Diverts perspiration

#### **Evelashes** Also protects

- Sebaceous glands at base of each lash are called Glands of Zeis which produce a lubricating fluid
- Fluid can harden and clog the gland, producing a stye or painless chalazior If painful and infected it is called an external hordeolum



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# **Eyelid Positions**

- Trichiasis ... eye lashes turned in
- Entropion ... lid turned in no drain
- Ectropion ... lid turned out drain
- Tear deficiency / instability
- Trigeminal nerve (5th CN) irritation
- Oculomotor nerve (3<sup>rd</sup> CN) levator
- Facial nerve (7<sup>th</sup> CN) orbicularis muscle
- Lagophthalmus ... lid won't close





# Hypersecretion = Pump Failure



What is a normal tear lake measurement?









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Demodex mites are microscopic ectoparasites found in human skin. They are extremely common, and their rate of infestation increases with age. The life span of demodex outside the living body is very limited. Direct contact is thought to be required for transmission of the mites. The lifecycle of demodex from egg/molt to an adult is quite short and no longer than two to three weeks. The adult stage is less than a week, and this is when mating occurs.

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Demodex

# Lipid Secretion: Meibomian Glands



showing meibomian glands Right: Secretion of lipid at lid margin

 The lipid layer restricts evaporation to 5-10% of tear flow Known as the protective layer of the tear film Also helps lubricate

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What eye is this?

Lipid Secretion: Meibomian Glands



How does the lipid layer aid in contact lens wear?

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### Tear Anatomy

- Antimicrobial proteins
- Growth factors & suppressors of inflammation
- Soluble mucin helps stabilize tear film
- Electrolytes for proper osmolarity (295-300)
  - pH slightly alkaline (7.4)



A complex mixture of proteins, mucins, and electrolytes coated

by a lipid layer

# The Impact Of Tears On Vision

- Refractive Status
- Health of the Cornea, the most refractive surface of the eye
- Visual Acuity
- Fluctuating vision



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### Superficial Lipid Layer LIPID DEFICIENCY - e DEFICIENCY – fails to hydrate properly Watery Layer oil Mucus snot



# Lacrimal System: Tear Film Layers

# Lacrimal System: Tear Film Layers Superficial Lipid Layer



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aqueous



A healthy tear film is comprised of 3 layers: Mucin, Aqueous, and Lipid





The two primary forms of dry eye are Evaporative Dry Eye, also known as Meibomian Gland Dysfunction or MGD and Aqueous Dry Eye. The majority of dry eye sufferers have MGD.



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#### Mucus Layer

One key component of DED is a breakdown of the mucin layer that is responsible for converting the hydrophobic (**repels water**) corneal surface of the eye to one that is hydrophilic (**attracts water**). This allows the pre-corneal tear film (PCTF) to coat the surface of the eye filling in surface irregularities and providing optimal coverage



What function does the pupil have?



# Lacrimal Apparatus

- Sometimes a person cannot produce natural tears they might need punctal plugs to prevent the tears from draining off the eye.
- Faucet

Action

Drain









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Blue Eyes • More Like to have: • Melanoma • AMD • Photophobia Better with pain







Primary function is protection

• Pierced posteriorly by the optic nerve Acts as insertion points for the six EOMs

Junction between the cornea and sclera is called the Limbus

# Muscles of the Iris



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An epithelial membrane which covers the anterior sclera and continues to the back surfaces of the lids to form a conjunctival sac

Has blood vessels which can burst and cause subconjunctival hemorrhage

Cornea What is it called when blood vessels grow onto the cornea? Neovascularization What happens when a patient gets a scar in their visual pathway? Reduced visual acuity

Palpebral
Fornix - where bulbar and palpebral meet





- Index of refraction is 1.37 · Approximately .5mm in thickness
- Transparent Organ (no blood vessels / avascular)
- Primary function is refraction of light rays
- Refractive power approx + 45.00 D

What is the crossover point for the nasal optic nerves?

# Cornea



 Composed of 5 layers • Epithelium...24 hr healing

- Outermost layer
- 5 cell layers thick
- Heals very quickly
- Does not scar
- Bowman's membrane- layer just under the epithelium NOTE: will scar
- Stroma middle tissue that forms 90% of the cornea
- Descemet's membrane- thin elastic layer deep in the cornea
  Endothelium only one cell layer thick; lines undersurface of the cornea, where it regulates corneal water content
  - What cranial nerve is tied to corneal sensations?

#### Aqueous Humor

- Manufactured by ciliary body
- Characteristics:
- Clear
   Watery consistency (99% H<sub>2</sub>O) Functions
- Refraction of light
  Intraocular Pressure (IOP)
- Probably nourishes posterior surface of the cornea and the crystalline lens
- <u>Flows</u> from posterior chamber through the pupil into the anterior chamber

How does ac us flow out of anterior chamb

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Selective Laser Trabeculectomy

Flow of Aqueous



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#### Trabecular Meshwork



Angle



# Acute Angle-Closure Glaucoma

- Rapid onset
- Painful
- Very serious
- Can lead to permanent blindness
- Common in patients with high hyperopia and mature cataracts





#### Crystalline Lens...approx 12-14 diopters of power

# Functions Refraction of light Accommodation

- Focus adjustment of the eye
   Presbyopia is the loss in accommodation
  - First noticed around age 40. Due to a loss in flexibility of the lens

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# Crystalline Lens



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# Length of the Eye

The average axial length of an adult eve is about 23 mm. Some people have hyperopia because, in essence, their eye is too short (i.e., less than 23 mm long). As a rule of thumb, each millimeter of axial length amounts to approximately 3.00 diopters of refractive power.

The shape of the eye matters as well!

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# Crystalline Lens

- 3 things happen during accommodation:
   Pupils constrict
  - Eyes converge
  - Lens gets thick
- The crystalline lens contains a high degree of protein
   Changes in the lens protein causes the
  - Changes in the lens protein causes the lens to lose its transparency which is a condition termed "cataract"
     Anhavia is the absence of a long. It was a second second
  - Aphakia is the absence of a lens. It can be removed during cataract extraction



# Iris/Pupil

- Iris
- Most anterior portion of the vascular layer
- Gives the eye its color, i.e. blue eyes, brown eyes
- Consists of blood vessels, pigment and muscle tissue
- Regulates light
- Pupil
- Smaller with age



# Ciliary Body

- Located near the base of the iris and posterior to it
- · Composed of blood vessels and muscle fibers (ciliary muscle)
- Ciliary process produces aqueous



Ciliary body is attached to suspensatory ligaments called?



Vitreous Chamber Functions:Refraction of light • Internal support • Is more solid when we are first Spots in vision may be floaters in the vitreous

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#### Nerve Layer - Retina

- Visual Receptors are Cones and Rods
  - Cones
    - Produce color vision
  - Give improved acuity
    Used in day vision = "Photopic" = normal and high levels of illumination

  - Rods...120 million
    - Produce black and white vision
    - Function in dim light = "Scotopic" = low level of illumination
  - Cones ... 6 million Used under mesopic vision = between scotopic and
    - photopic Both rods and cones are used.

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# The retina (Cranial Nerve II)



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- Optic nerve head (optic disc)
   No receptors -
  - No receptors physiological blind spot
    Point of exit of optic nerve
  - Appears yellow compared to the orange retina



Posterior pole: Macular and Optic Nerve

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Retina



# Identification of Retinal Layers



Cross-sectional image of live tissue; a virtual biopsy

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BLUE LIGHT HAZARD



- Orbit
- Extraocular muscles
- Eyelids
- Lacrimal System
- Conjunctiva

# Extra Ocular Muscles



What is the name of the point where the muscles come together?

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# Extraocular Muscles

#### Medial Rectus

- Inferior Rectus
- Primary is depression, CN III
- Lateral Rectus
- Abduction, CN VI
- Superior Rectus
- Primary is elevation

FRONT OF LEFT EYE

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 Misaligned eyes · Sensitivity to light



# Orbit

- 1. Frontal bone ...forehead
- 2. Ethmoid bone ...weakest
- 3. Palatine bone ...smallest
- 4. Zygomatic bone ...strongest
- 5. Lacrimal bone



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# Adnexa: Eyelids



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# Adnexa: Eyelids



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# Orbicularis Muscle



# Levator Muscle





# Conjunctiva



Cranial Nerves LR6SO4<sub>3</sub>











# **Visual Field Defects**

- Common types of field defects Blind spots Areas of blindness in th visual field
  - Hemianopsia Blindness in one half
  - Homonymous Involving the nasal half of the visual field of one eye and the temporal half of the visual field of the other eye
  - · Incongruous -



Homonymous heminopia

| Age        | Usable accommodative<br>power   | Approximate spectacle Rx<br>needed to see clearly at 16<br>inches |  |  |
|------------|---|---|--|--|
| 45         | +1.75   | +0.75   |  |  |
| 50         | +1.25   | +1.25   |  |  |
| 55         | +0.87   | +1.75   |  |  |
| 60         | +0.50   | +2.00   |  |  |
| 65         | +0.37   | +2.25   |  |  |
| 70         | +0.12   | +2.50   |  |  |
| Presbyopia | Presbyopia is not an ametropia. It is a condition of age, not refractive<br>error. As we get older, our ability to accommodate decreases. Most<br>theorists agree the amplitude of accommodation infants have is<br>extremely high. Accurate measurements have shown the average<br>amplitude of accommodation of a 10-year-old is about +14.000. At age<br>70, the amplitude has drop to +0.120. |   |  |  |

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# Blepharitis ...inflammation of the lids

- Symptoms Treatments • Redness along the lid margins • Lid scrubs • Crusting along the lid margin • Medications/Ointment
- Eye irritation
- Monitoring

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#### Symptoms

- A stinging, burning or scratchy sensation in your eyes
- Stringy mucus in or around your eyes
- · Increased eye irritation from smoke or
- wind

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- Eye fatigue
- Sensitivity to light • Difficulty wearing contacts
- Periods of excessive tearing
- Blurred vision, often worsening at the end of the day (reading/computer)

# Dry Eye

#### Treatment

- Depends on the cause
- Drops must address the problem if used
- Punctal Plugs
- Surgery may be necessary

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#### Conjunctivitis

- Symptoms
- Redness in the white of the eye or inner eyelid
- Increased amount of tears
- Thick yellow discharge that crusts over the eyelashes, especially after sleep
- Green or white discharge from the eye
- Itchy eyes
- Burning eyes
- Blurred vision
- · Increased sensitivity to light

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#### Types

- · Depends on the cause
  - Bacterial
    Viral
  - Irritants
  - Allergies

# Causes

- Viruses
- Bacteria (such as gonorrhea or chlamydia)
- Irritants such as shampoos, dirt, smoke, and pool chlorine
- Allergies, like dust, pollen, or a special type of allergy that affects some contact lens wearers
- Pinkeye caused by some bacteria and viruses can spread easily from person to person, but is not a serious health risk if diagnosed promptly. Pinkeye in newborn babies, however, should be reported to a doctor immediately

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# Subconjunctival Hemorrhage

#### Symptoms

- Redness on the white portion of the eye due to bleeding between the conjunctiva and sclera
- Causes

  Hypertension
  Dehydration
- Sneezing
- CoughingConstipation
- Straining
- Heavy Lifting

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Normally at 3 and 9 o'clock

# Pinguecula... is small like penguin

- Symptoms • Nodule with or without irritation at the 3 and 9 o'clock positions
- Treatment
   Medications / Ointments
   Sunglasses

# Call it



Does not hurt

Hurts and is irritating

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# Ptygerium ... is large like pterodactyl

- Symptoms
- Eye irritation
- FB sensation
- Redness
- Dryness
- Induced astigmatism
- Reduced vision
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- Surgery is very painful
- Can grow back



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# External Hordeolum / Chalazion

- Symptoms • Big red painful lump inside or outside of the eyelid
- Treatment • Heat
- Antibiotic ointment
- Surgery







# External Hordeolum / Chalazion

- Symptoms • Big red painful lump inside or outside of the eyelid
  - Heat Antibiotic ointment Surgery

Treatment

Call it



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# Cataract Blurry Image Cataract DV H 118

# Cataract

#### Symptoms

• Nuclear sclerotic cataracts NSCs are the most common type of cataract and many consider them to be a normal maturation of the lens. Over time, the lens becomes larger and brunescent (yellow or brown), especially in the denser central nucleus. If this process goes on long enough the opacity eventually leads to visual obstruction and problems with glare. The lens can become so big that it pushes the iris forward, placing the patient at increased risk for angle closure glaucoma. Nuclear sclerotic cataracts

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#### Treatment

- Surgery:
- Cataract Extraction and IOL implant
  - There are different types of IOLs and different locations in which they can be placed

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Symptoms

- Status of vitreous
- Age of patient
- Could be nothing/could be something ☺
- Post Vitreous Detachment (PVD)
- Dilated exam • Surgery Vitrectomy

Treatment

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# **Retinal Detachment**

- Symptoms
- Veil in vision
- Part of vision missing
- Flashes of light



# Macular Degeneration









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#### Diabetic Retinopathy

- Diabetic retinopathy often has no early warning signs. Even macular edema, which may cause vision loss more rapidly, may not have any warning signs for some time. In general, however, a person with macular edema is likely to have blurred vision, making it hard to do things like read or drive. In some cases, the vision will get better or worse during the day.
- As new blood vessels form at the back of the eye as a part of *proliferative* diabetic retinopathy (PDR), they can bleed (<u>ocular hemorrhage</u>) and blur vision. The first time this happens, it may not be very severe. In most cases, it will leave just a few specks of <u>blood</u>, or spots, floating in a person's visual field, though the spots often go away after a few hours.



Call both photos

# Call both photos



Exotropia Eye deviates outward



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#### Strabismus

• Strabismus: A condition in which the visual axes of the eyes are not parallel and the eyes appear to be looking in different directions. The danger with strabismus is that the brain cones may come to rely more on one eye than the other and that part of the brain circuitry connected to the less-favored eye fails to develop properly, leading to amblyopia (blindness) in that eye.

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#### treatment

- Vision Therapy
   Glasses
   Patching
- Dilation
- Surgery

- A white color in the center circle of the eye (pupil) when light is shone in the eye, such as when taking a flash photograph
   Retinoblastoma occ in the retina develo and multiplying wh would die. This accu
- Eyes that appear to be looking in different directions

Retinoblastoma / Leukocoria

- Eye redness
- Eye swelling

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 Retinoblastoma occurs when nerve cells in the retina develop genetic mutations that cause the cells to continue growing and multiplying when healthy cells would die. This accumulating mass of cells forms a tumor. Retinoblastoma cells can invade further into the eye and nearby structures. Retinoblastoma can also spread (metastasize) to other areas of the body, including the brain and spine.

# Papilledema / Optic Neuritis

- Pain. Most people who develop optic neuritis experience eye pain that's worsened by eye movement. Pain associated with optic neuritis usually peaks within several days.
- neurrus usually peaks within several days. • Vision loss: The extent of vision loss associated with optic neuritis varies. Most people experience at least some temporary reduction in vision. If noticeable vision loss occurs, it usually develops over the course of hours or days, and may be worsened by heat or exercise. Vision loss may be permanent in some cases.
- Loss of color vision. Optic neuritis often affects the perception of colors. You may notice that the colors of objects, particularly red ones, temporarily appear "washed out" or less vivid than normal.
- Flashing lights. Some people with optic neuritis report seeing flashing or flickering lights.
- Multiple sclerosis
- Neuromyelitis optica









#### Central Retinal Vein Occlusion

 Painless loss of monocular vision is the usual presenting symptom of retinal artery occlusion (RAO). Occluar stroke commonly is caused by embolism of the retinal artery, although emboli may travel to distal branches of the retinal artery, causing loss of only a section of the visual field. Retinal artery occlusion represents an ophthalmologic emergency, and delay in treatment may result in permanent loss of vision.

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 Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) is a group of eye diseases that affect the retina. The retina, which is located at the back of the eye, sends visual images to the brain where they are perceived. The cells in the retina that receive the visual images are called photoreceptors: There are two types of photoreceptors: rota (which are responsible for vision in low light) and conse (which are responsible for color vision and detail in high light).

 Signs of RP can usually be detected during a routine eye exam when the patient is around 10 years old. However, symptoms usually do not develop until adolescence.





# Droopy or Floppy Eyelids Can be caused by nerve or muscle defects • Can be excess skin (Dermatochalasis) • Poor eyelid muscle tension (lid ptosis) • Brow ptosis • Brow ptosis

Call it

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### What Is Shingles?

After you have chickenpox, the virus that caused it, called varicella-zoster virus, remains in your body. It's always inside you, lying dormant (or asleep) in your nerve cells. At some point later in life, your immune system may weaken, allowing the virus to resurface as Shingles. You may be feeling great, but if you've had chickenpox, the Shingles virus is already inside you. And your risk for Shingles increases as you get older.

http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/shingles/basics/symptoms/con-20019574

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#### At Risk

If you've had chickenpox, the Shingles virus is inside you. And as you get older, you're at increased risk for developing the painful, blistering rash. So don't wait to talk to your doctor or pharmacist. To help you start the conversation about Shingles, here are some questions you may want to ask. You can print them and take them with you the next time you see your doctor or pharmacist. Be sure to add any other questions you may have.







| _3 Iris                  | _5 Pupil         | 10 Optic Nerve       | _7 Lens       |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 13 Macula                | 11 Blood Vessels | _9 Vitreous Body     | _6 Cornea     |
| _1 Ciliary Body & Muscle | 16 Sclera        | _4 Anterior Chamber  | 15 Choroid    |
| _8 Zonule Fibers         | 14 Retina        | _2 Posterior Chamber | 12 Blind Spot |

