



Updated lectures for medical students, Mutah university

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Part 1: Orbital anatomy and disease



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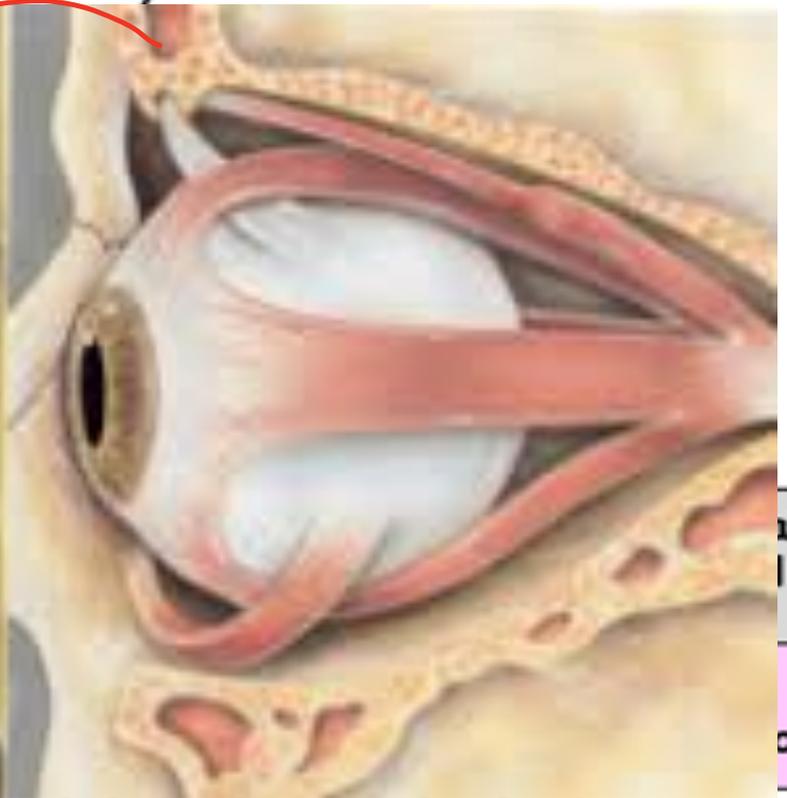
orbit, more than 1/2 of the eye can be outside :-).
EYE - BONES OF RIGHT ORBIT

2/3 of the eye
 is inside the orbit
 1/3 is outside

The orbit is bounded/subbounded
 by 4 sinuses:
 ①
 ②
 ③
 ④

Anterior & posterior
 ethmoidal foramina

Supra-orbital notch



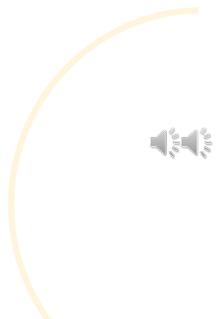
Infra-orbital

Foramen

Anterior lacrimal
 crest on frontal
 process of maxilla

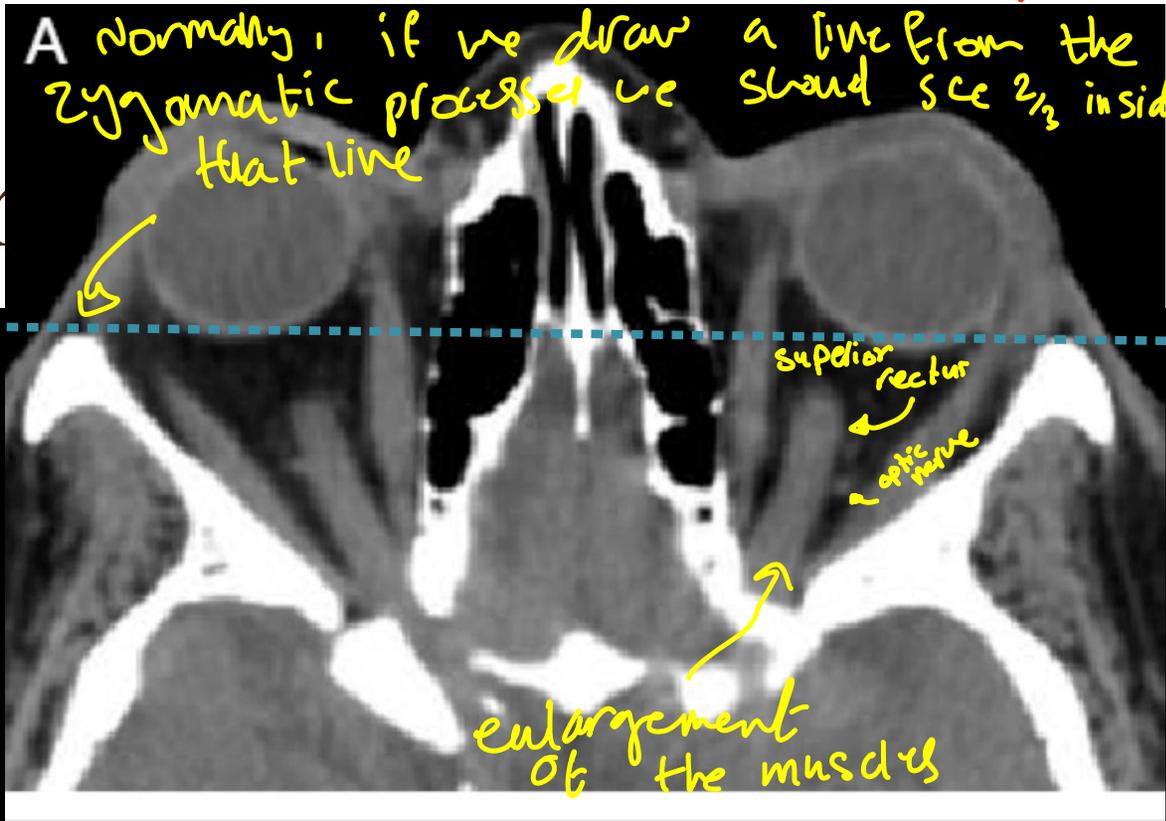
- * Orbital process of palatine bone
- \$ Optic canal

This is a CT scan that shows proptosis



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A normally, if we draw a line from the zygomatic process we should see 2/3 inside that line



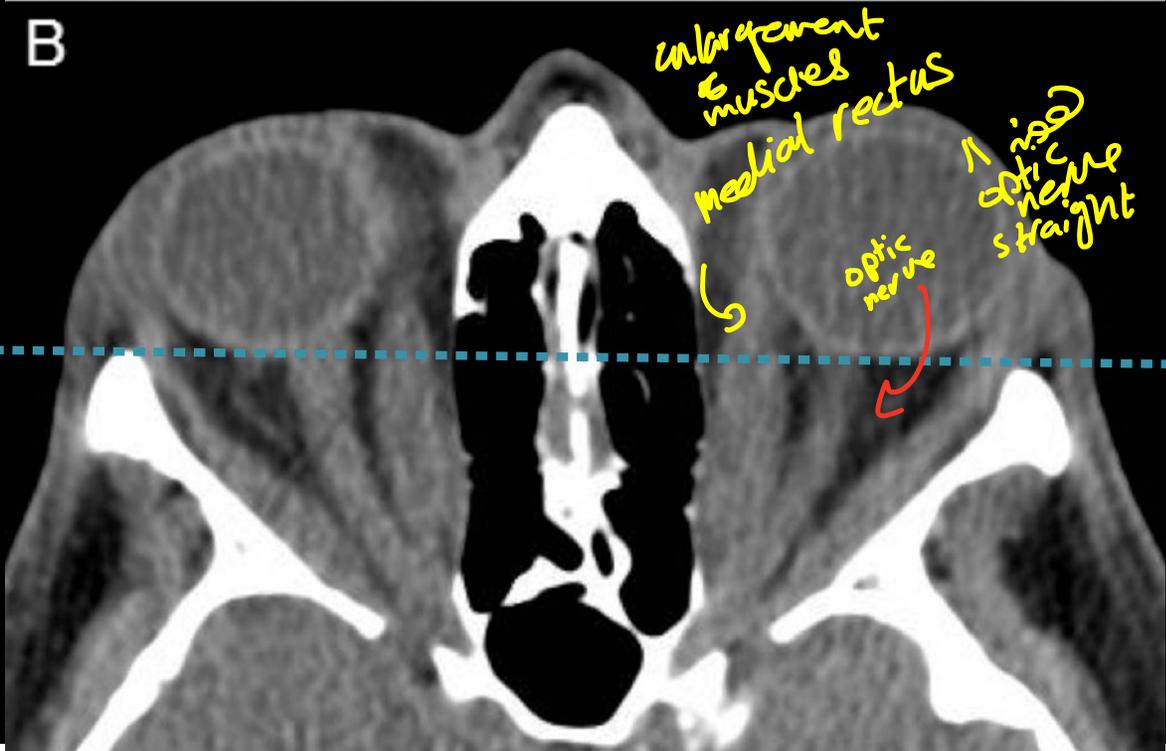
*ptoposis: axial protrusion of the eye

*usually the optic nerve takes an S shaped pattern

superior rectus
optic nerve

enlargement of the muscles

B

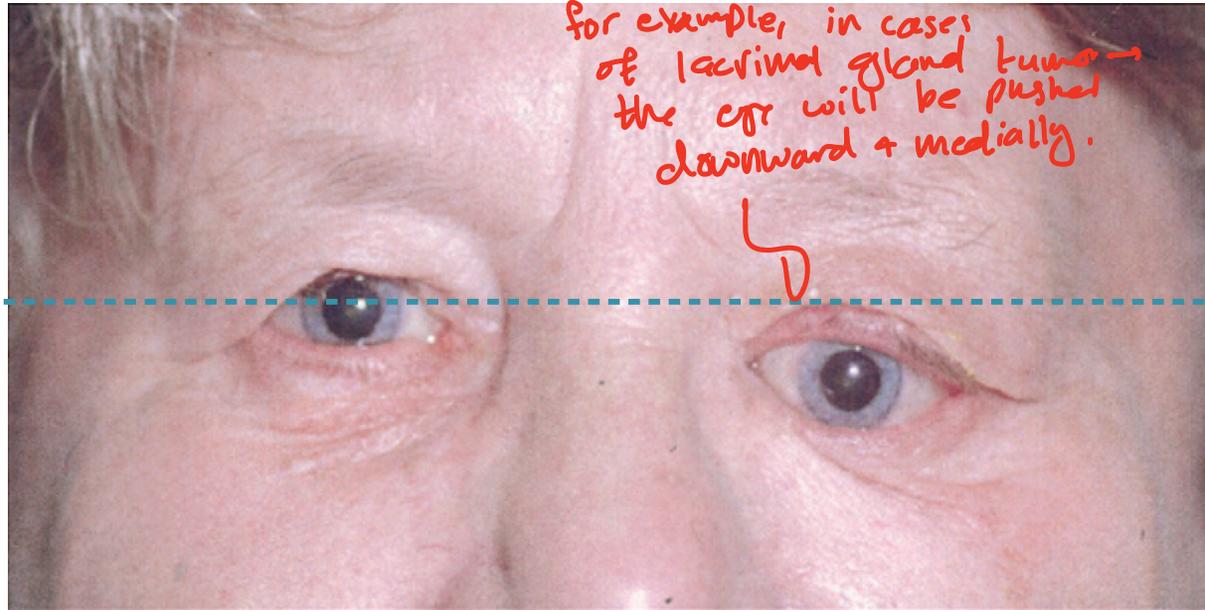


enlargement to muscles
medial rectus

optic nerve
is a straight optic nerve

Terminology: Dystopia

coronal displacement of the eye
could be → downwards → medially
laterally or upwards → med.
lateral.



Tub mediated

Immune complex

Type I → T_H1
Type II = deposition of IgG + antigen
Type IV → cell mediated

Pathology: Graves disease

(Type V hypersensitivity) because there's stimulation of endocrine cells
but you can think of it as

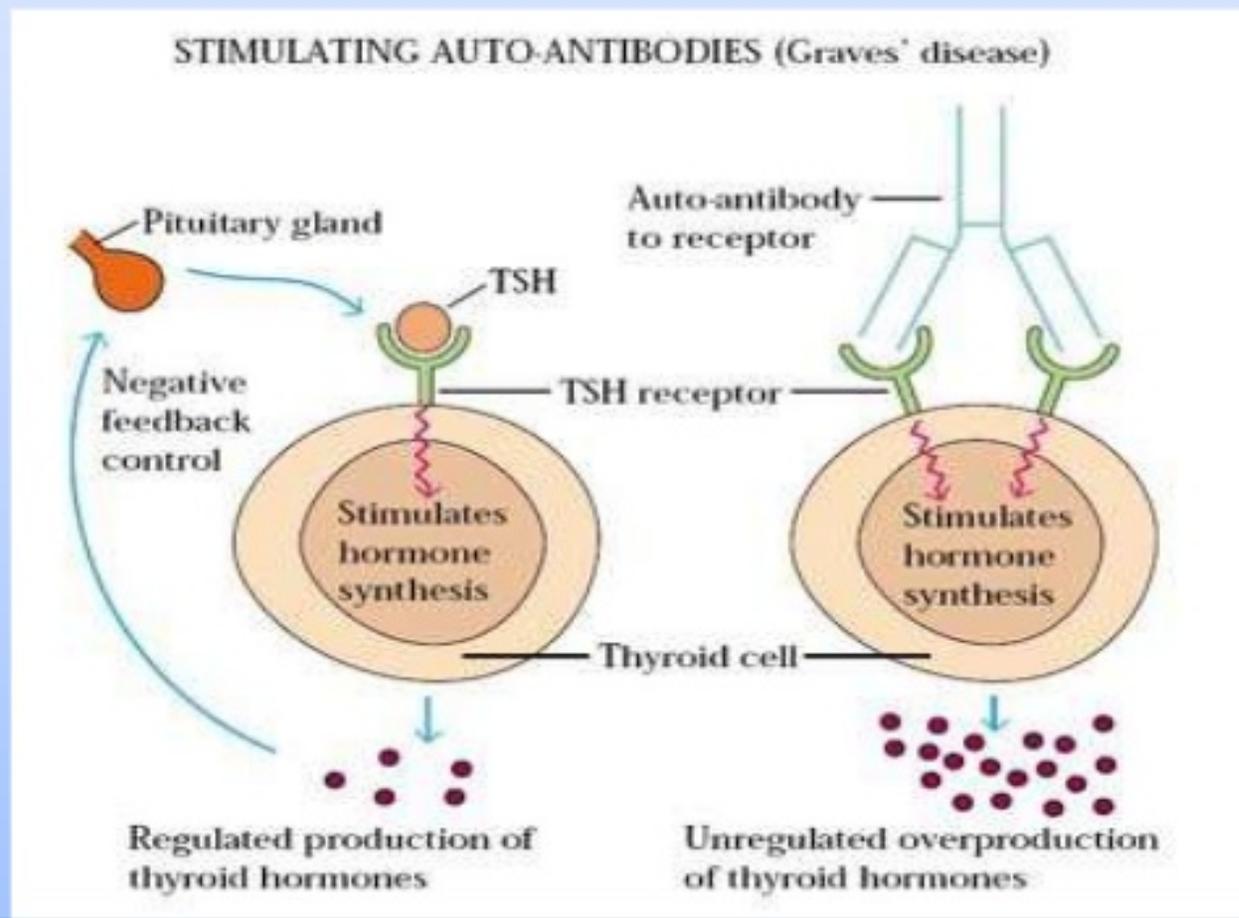
GRAVE'S DISEASE

Type II

Autoimmune disease

96% cases w/ hyperthyroidism
can come with euthyroidism
3% have hypothyroidism

TSH Antibody mimics action of TSH → increased T3 & T4.



THYROID EYE DISEASE

Inflammatory
Phase

1. Soft tissue involvement

- Periorbital and lid swelling
- Conjunctival hyperaemia
- Chemosis
- Superior limbic keratoconjunctivitis

Fibrotic
Phase

2. Eyelid retraction

3. Proptosis

4. Optic neuropathy

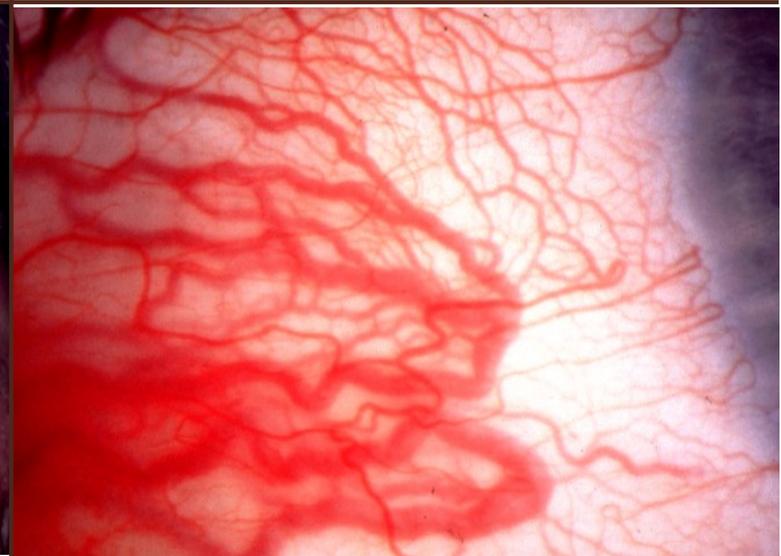
5. Restrictive myopathy

Soft tissue involvement

Periorbital and lid swelling



Conjunctival hyperaemia



Chemosis Swelling of the conjunctiva



Superior limbic keratoconjunctivitis → usually due to mucin deficiency



goblet cells are dysfunctional → therefore the sliding of the bulbar conjunctiva over the palpebral conjunctiva is defective.

Seen in 10% of graves —
Seen in other diseases related to

dry eyes.

Lid

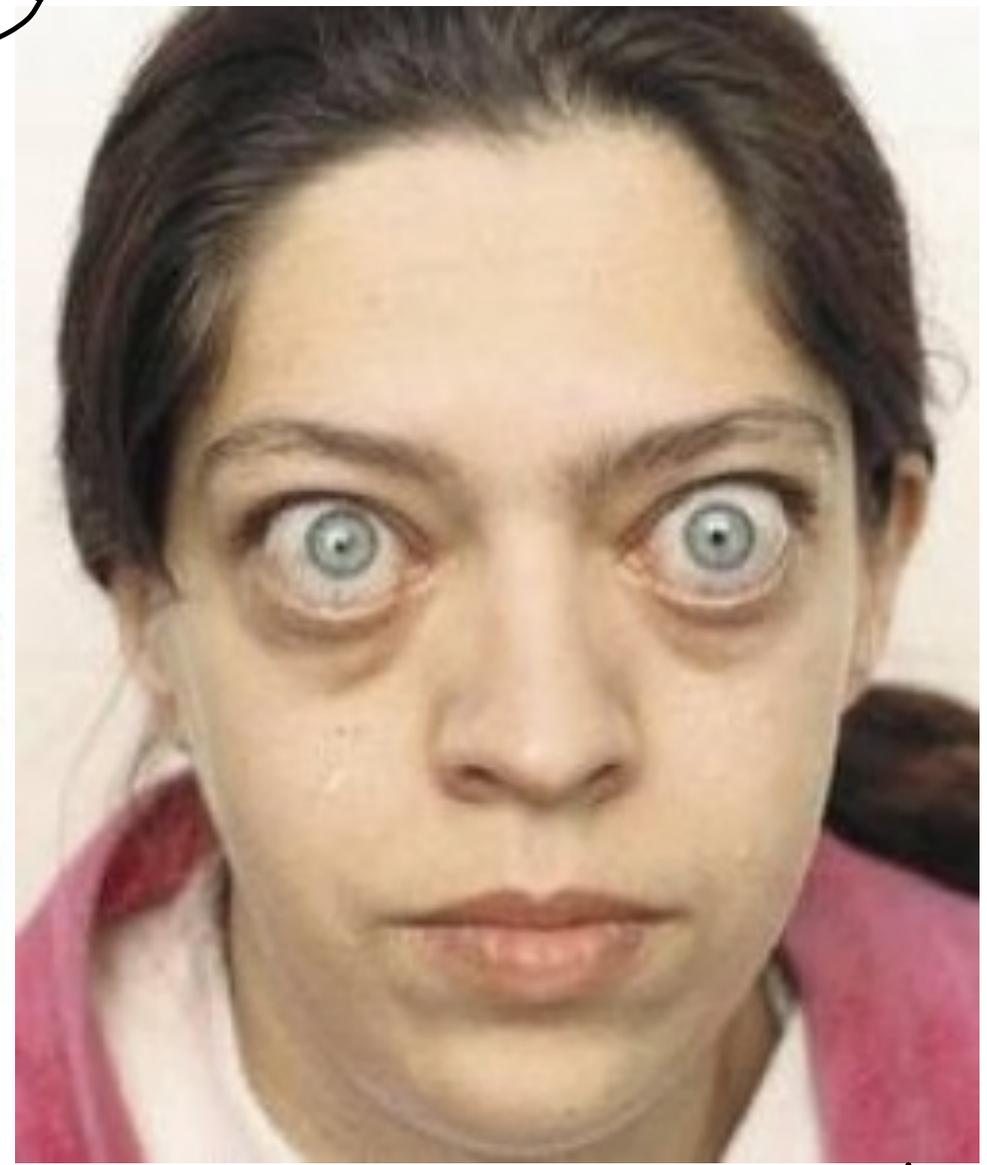
Signs of graves disease

M.C.C of proptosis →

Before



After



*M.C sign of graves disease: eyelid retraction
affected muscle: levator palpebre

M.C RECTUS muscle in graves. rect muscle

CT scan finding in Graves disease

Due to the healing & inflammation →
Fibrous deposition
of the muscle

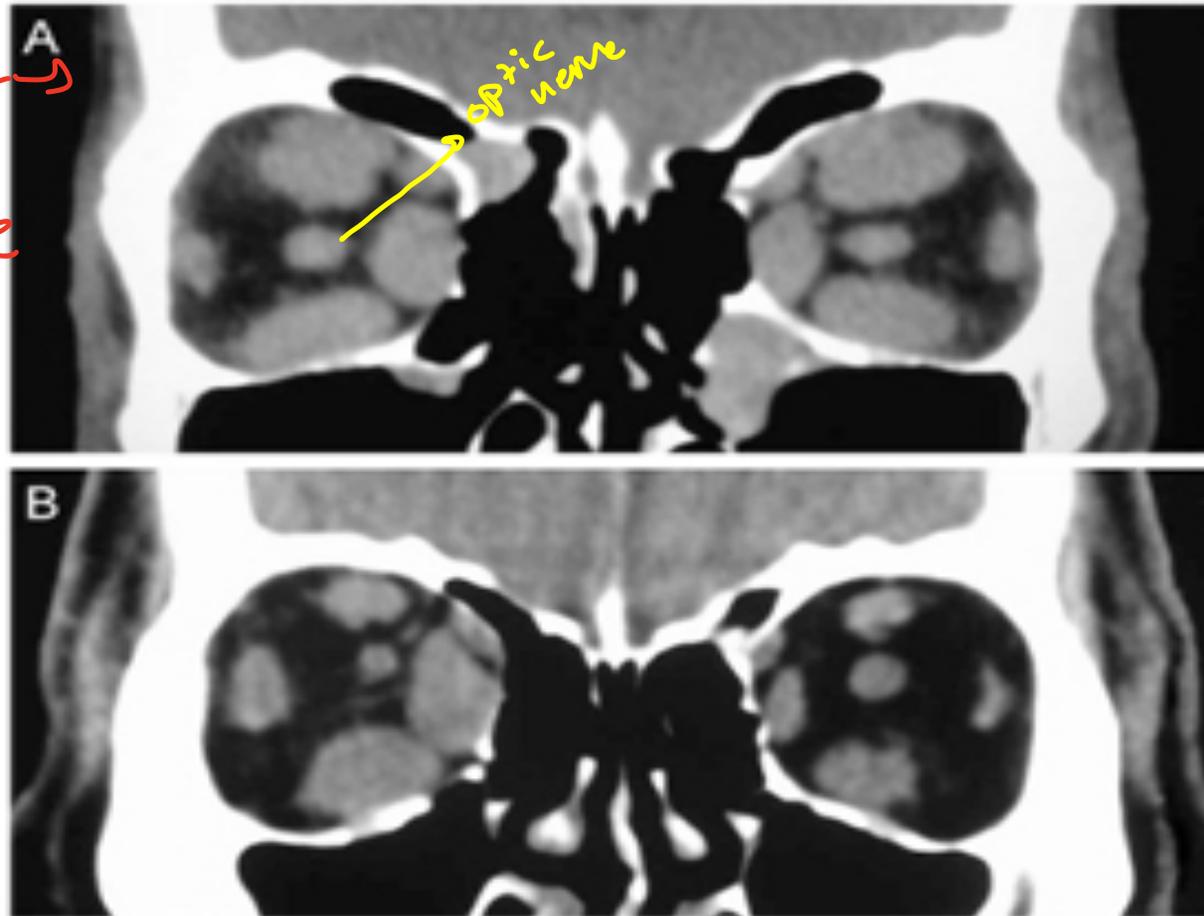


Figure 1 - Coronal CT scans from two patients with Graves' orbitopathy. A) Patient with symmetric enlargement of the extraocular muscles in both orbits. B) Patient with asymmetric involvement of the extraocular muscles.

superioris

affected in disease is inferior rectus >
NRS > SR > LR → most tendinous

The eyelid should cover the upper 1/3 of the cornea

Signs of eyelid retraction

Occurs in about 50%



- Bilateral lid retraction
- No associated proptosis



- Bilateral lid retraction
- Bilateral proptosis (Von Graefe's sign)



- Unilateral lid retraction
- Unilateral proptosis



- Lid lag in downgaze

Nuclear medicine options

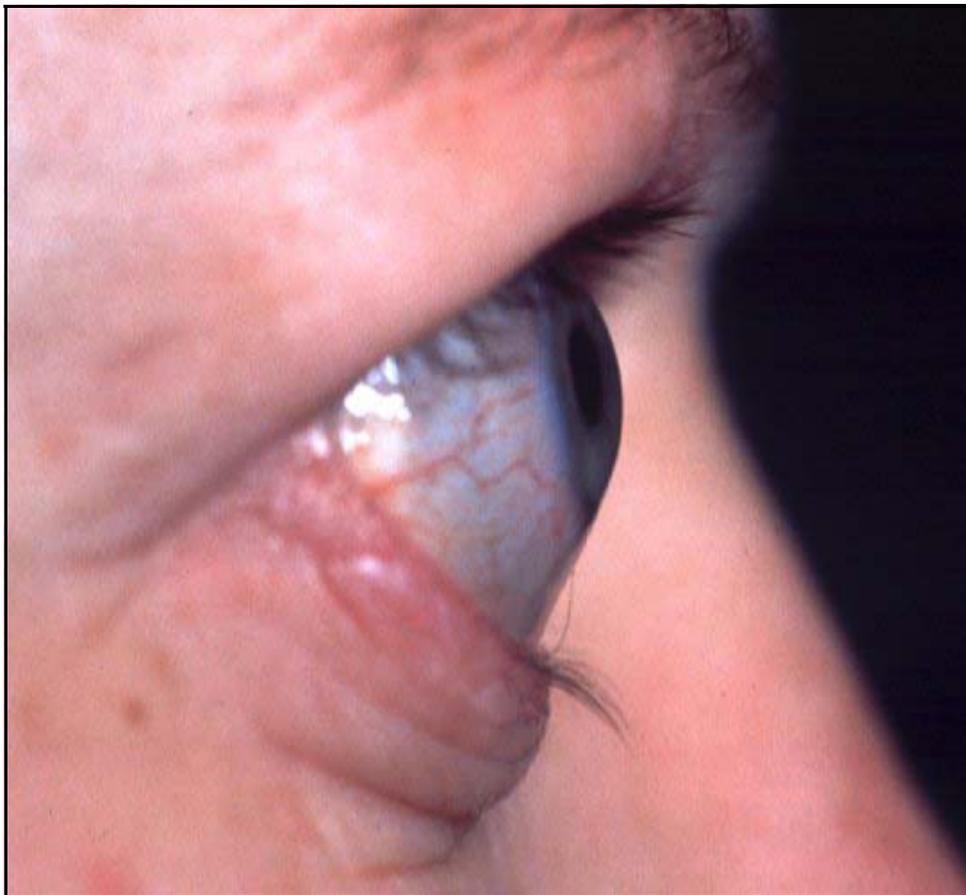
Not influenced by
the treatment
of hyperth:

Proptosis

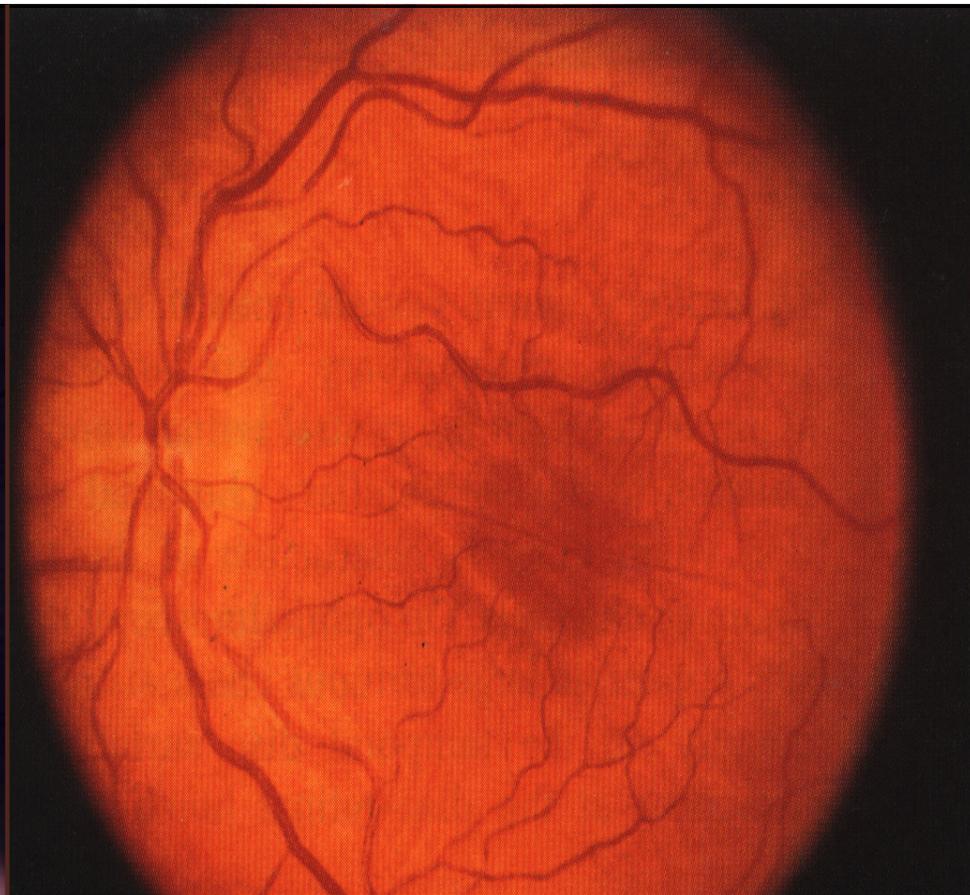
urged to use a course of
steroids before radiotherapy
to stabilize the patient.
Bec. things will get bad (proptosis
gets worse)

• Occurs in about 30%

• Uninfluenced by treatment of hyperthyroidism



Axial and permanent in about 70%



May be associated with choroidal folds

Treatment options

- Systemic steroids
- Radiotherapy
- Surgical decompression

⇒ Sudden drop of vision within days.

⇒ proptosis: minimal
why? Due to the long duration of graves disease their muscles are fibrotic + inelastic

Optic neuropathy

Seen in elderly pts.

- Occurs in about 5%
- Early defective colour vision
- Usually normal disc appearance



Caused by optic nerve compression at orbital apex by enlarged recti

Often occurs in absence of significant proptosis

we give it early in the disease so pts avoid eye surgery (decompression).

monoclonal antibodies for thyroid eye problems.

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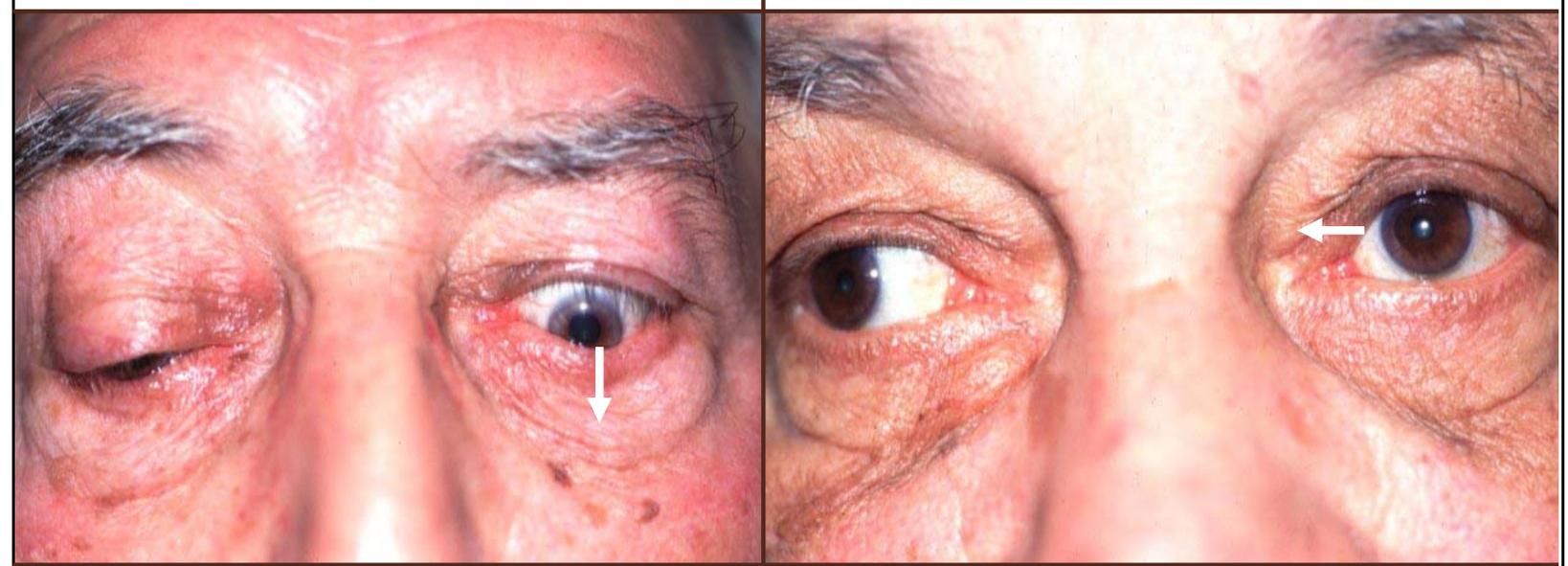
Restrictive myopathy

- Occurs in about 40%
- Due to fibrotic contracture of SR



Elevation defect - most common

Abduction defect - less common



Depression defect - uncommon

Adduction defect - rare

... called adjustable sutures

↳ Rx by Surgery called *nasab* *nasab*



Orbital vascular disease

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🔊 **VASCULAR ORBITAL DISORDERS**

1. Orbital venous anomalies (varices)

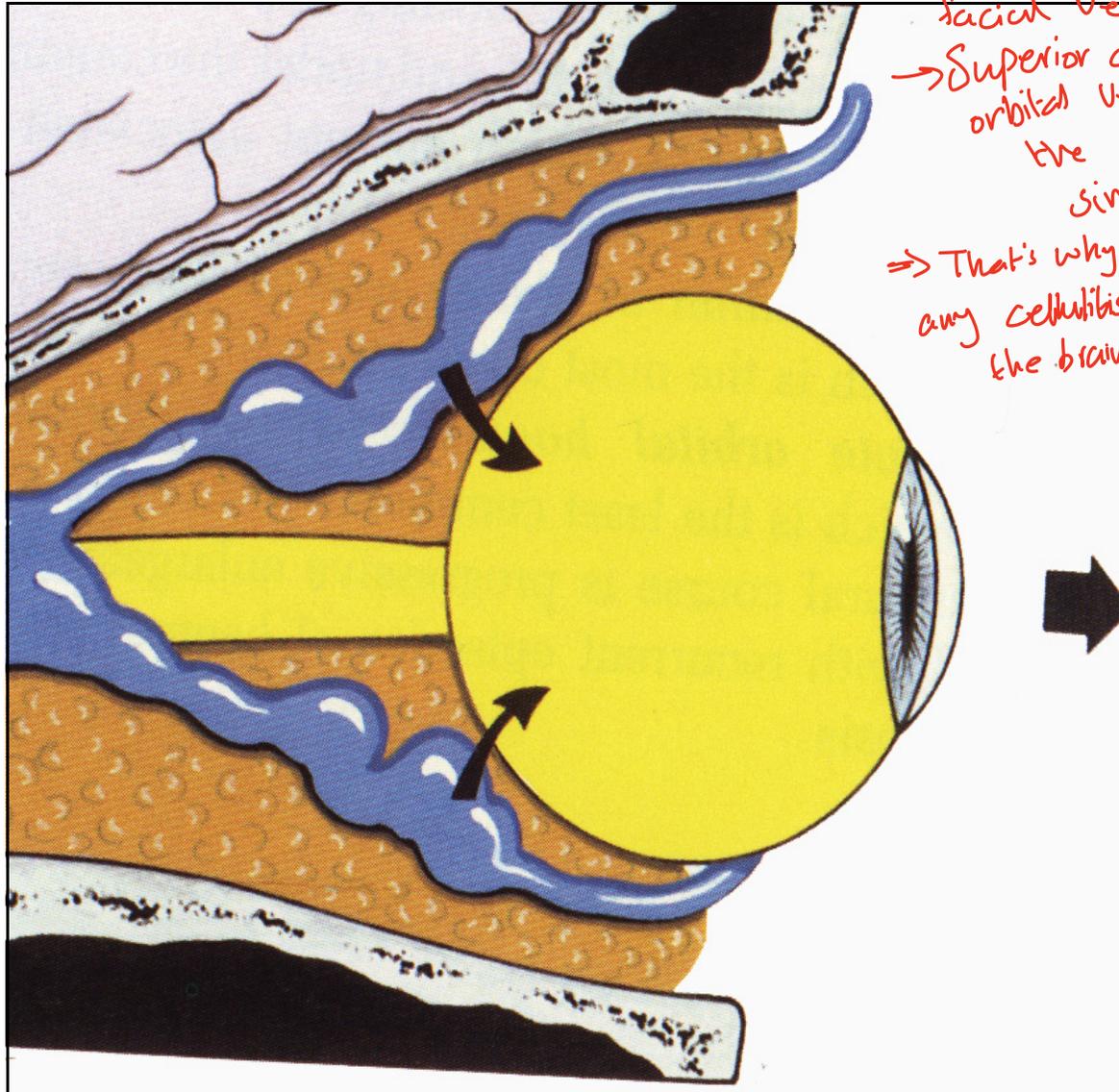
- **Isolated orbital varices**
- **Combined orbital and external varices**

2. Carotid-cavernous fistula

- **Direct**
- **Indirect**



Orbital venous anomalies (varices)



facial veins →
→ Superior and inferior
orbital veins drain into
the cavernous
sinus
⇒ That's why we have to treat
any cellulitis before it gets to
the brain.

- Congenital enlargements of pre-existing venous channels
- Usually unilateral
- May bleed or become thrombosed



Isolated orbital varices

Intermittent proptosis



**Non-pulsatile, without
a bruit**

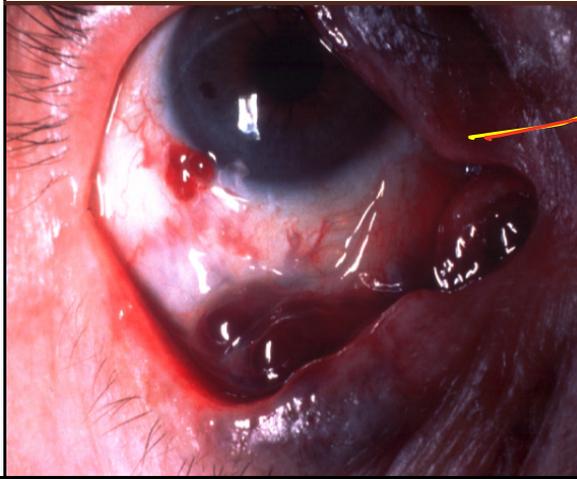
**Precipitated or
accentuated by
Valsalva manoeuvre**

Combined orbital and external varices



Sudden emergence
of a painful
mass in the
lower lid
=> usually happens after
an increase in intra-abdominal
pressure e.g. Valsalva manoeuvre,
shouting —.

Conjunctival varices



Thrombosed
Varix

Eyelid varices

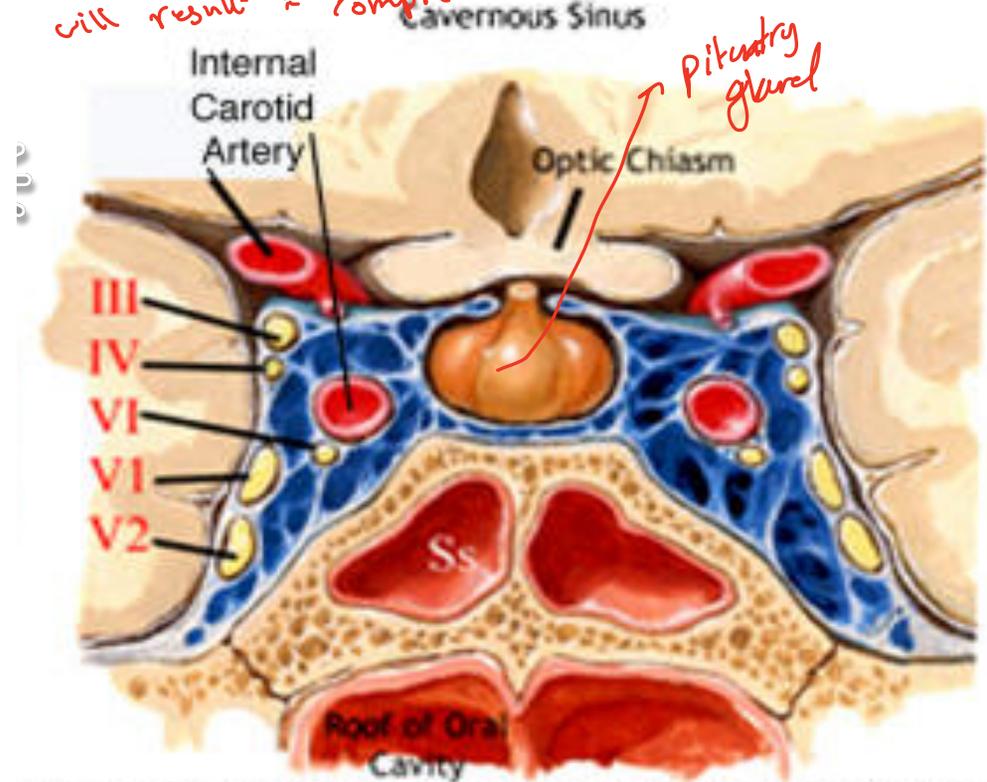


Precipitated or accentuated by Valsalva manoeuvre

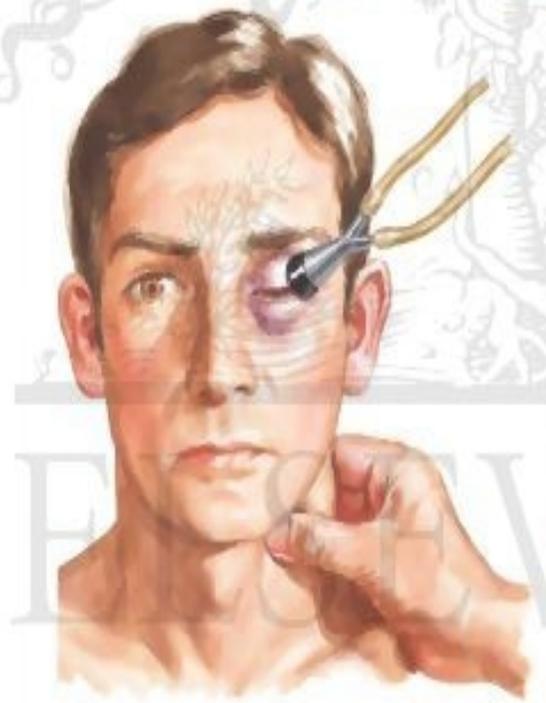
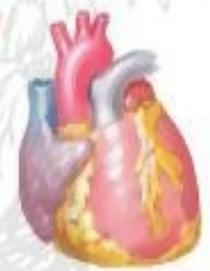
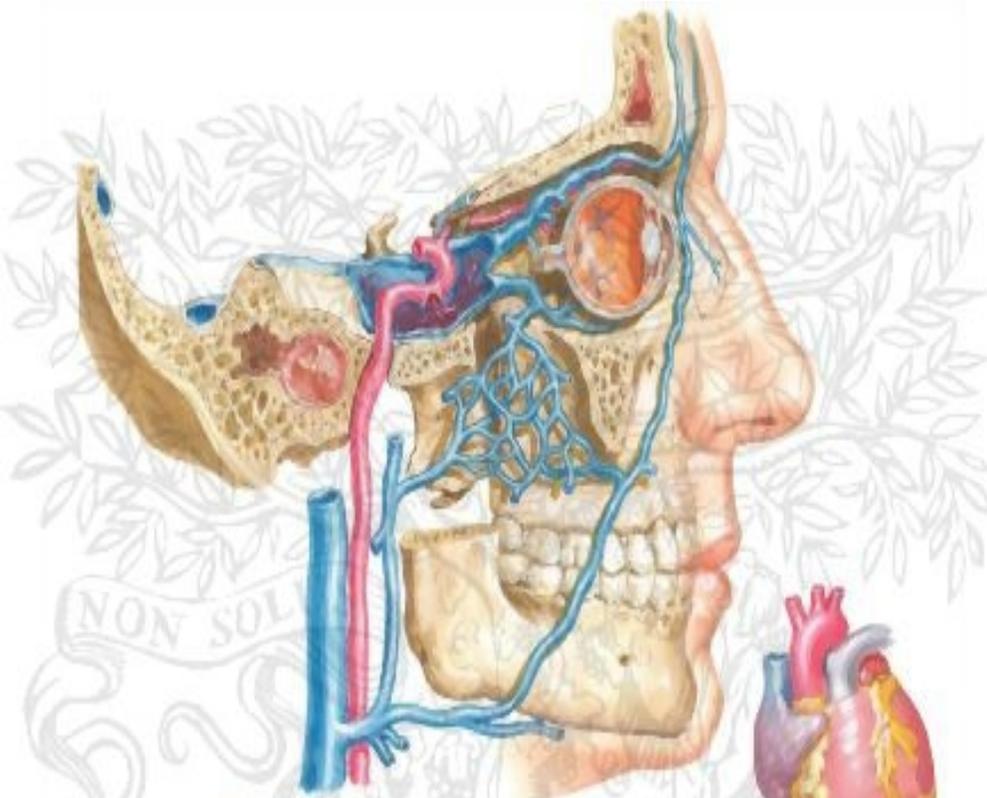
is anatomy

and sinuses are intact on the left side. On the right, the dura has been removed revealing the cavernous sinus and the ophthalmic ganglion.

Negative pressure in venous side and contains nerves - ICA has a high pressure, any rupture will result in compression on the nerves.



A yellow line crossing over the hypophyseal fossa indicates the plane of section of the image above. It shows the cavernous sinus and its contents.



Direct carotid-cavernous fistula

- Defect in intracavernous part of internal carotid
- Rapid flow shunt

Rupture of the ICA into the cavernous sinus

Causes

- Head trauma - most common — usually delayed
- Spontaneous rupture - in hypertensive females



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⇒ The eye will be frozen due to compression on 3rd, 4th and 6th nerve.

- Ptosis, chemosis and conjunctival injection
- Ophthalmoplegia
- Raised intraocular pressure

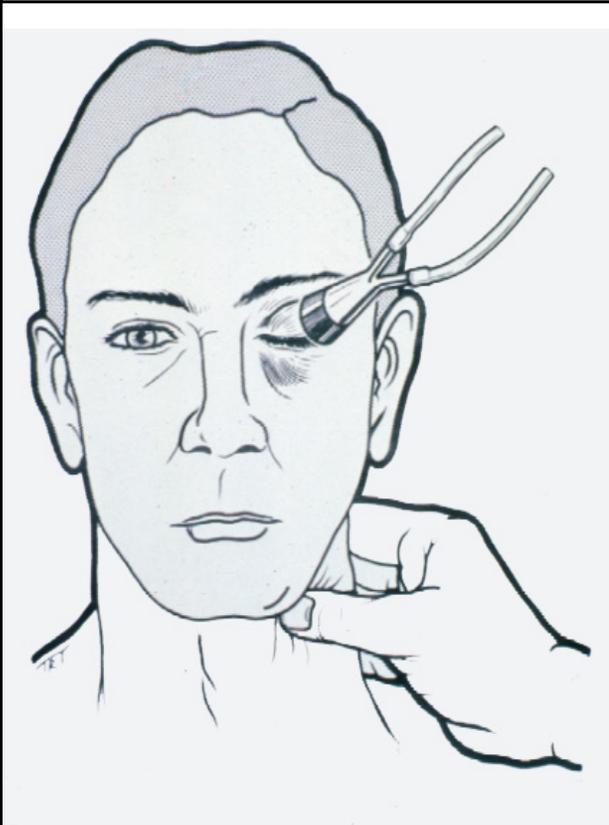
its carotid

Visual acuity is preserved until late stages → edema



Direct carotid-cavernous fistula

its affected by the external



- Pulsatile proptosis with bruit and thrill
- Abolished by ipsilateral carotid compression



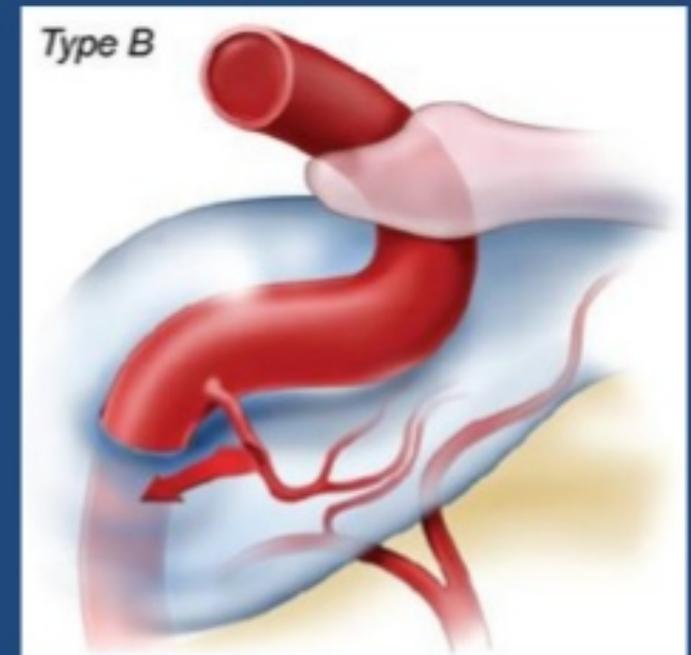
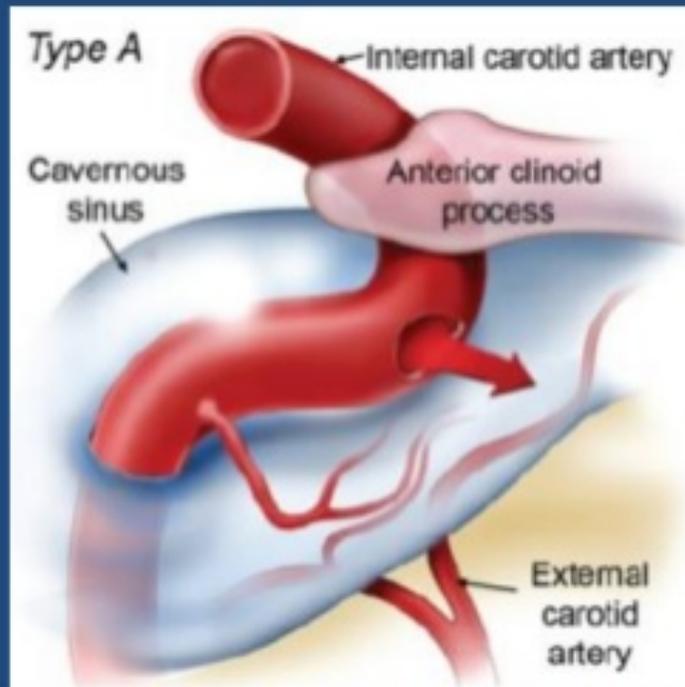
- Retinal venous congestion and haemorrhages



TYPES

due to slow rising in cavernous sinus pressure won't present as the direct fistula symptoms & signs.
↑ ⇒ Asymptomatic, tortuous veins.
↑ ⇒ IOP.

- Type A
 - Between the intracavernous internal carotid artery and cavernous sinus
- Type B
 - Between meningeal branches of the internal carotid artery and cavernous sinus



(Barrow DL, Spector RH, Braun IF, Landman JA, Tindall SC, Tindall GT: Classification and treatment of spontaneous carotid-cavernous sinus fistulas. *J Neurosurg* 62:248–256, 1985)

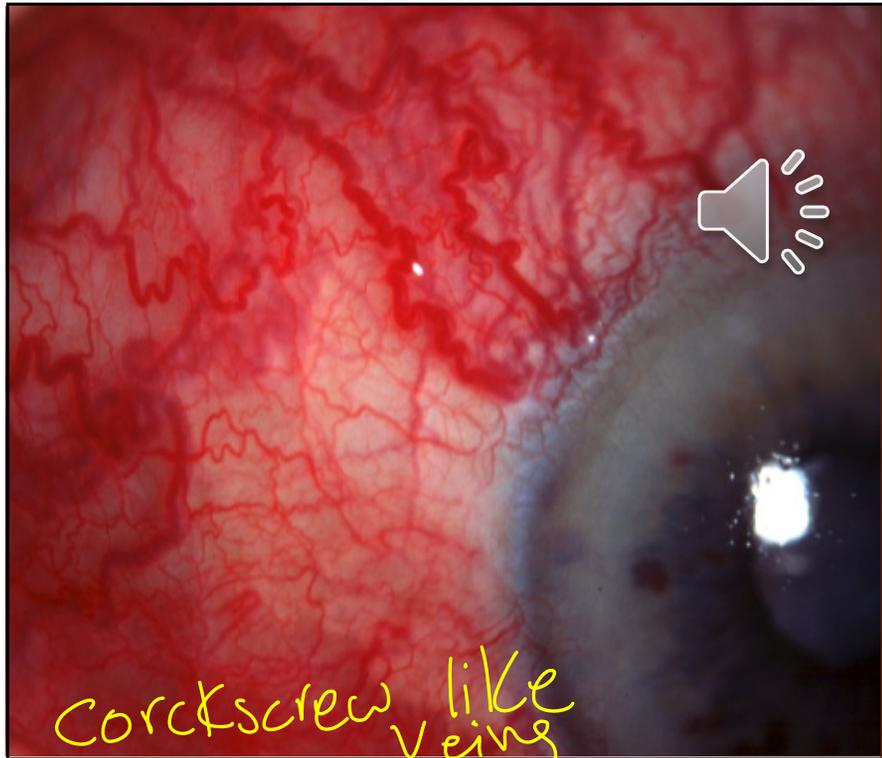
Indirect carotid-cavernous fistula(dural shunt)

- Indirect communication between meningeal branches of internal or external carotids and cavernous sinus, **Slow flow shunt**

Causes

- Congenital malformations
- Spontaneous rupture

The problem is with production of aqueous rather than filtration.
⇒ won't respond to usual drugs.
we use ⇒ **Dorzolamide**
(Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor)



- Dilated episcleral vessels
- Raised intraocular pressure with wide pulsation

- Occasional ophthalmoplegia and mild proptosis



Orbital infection

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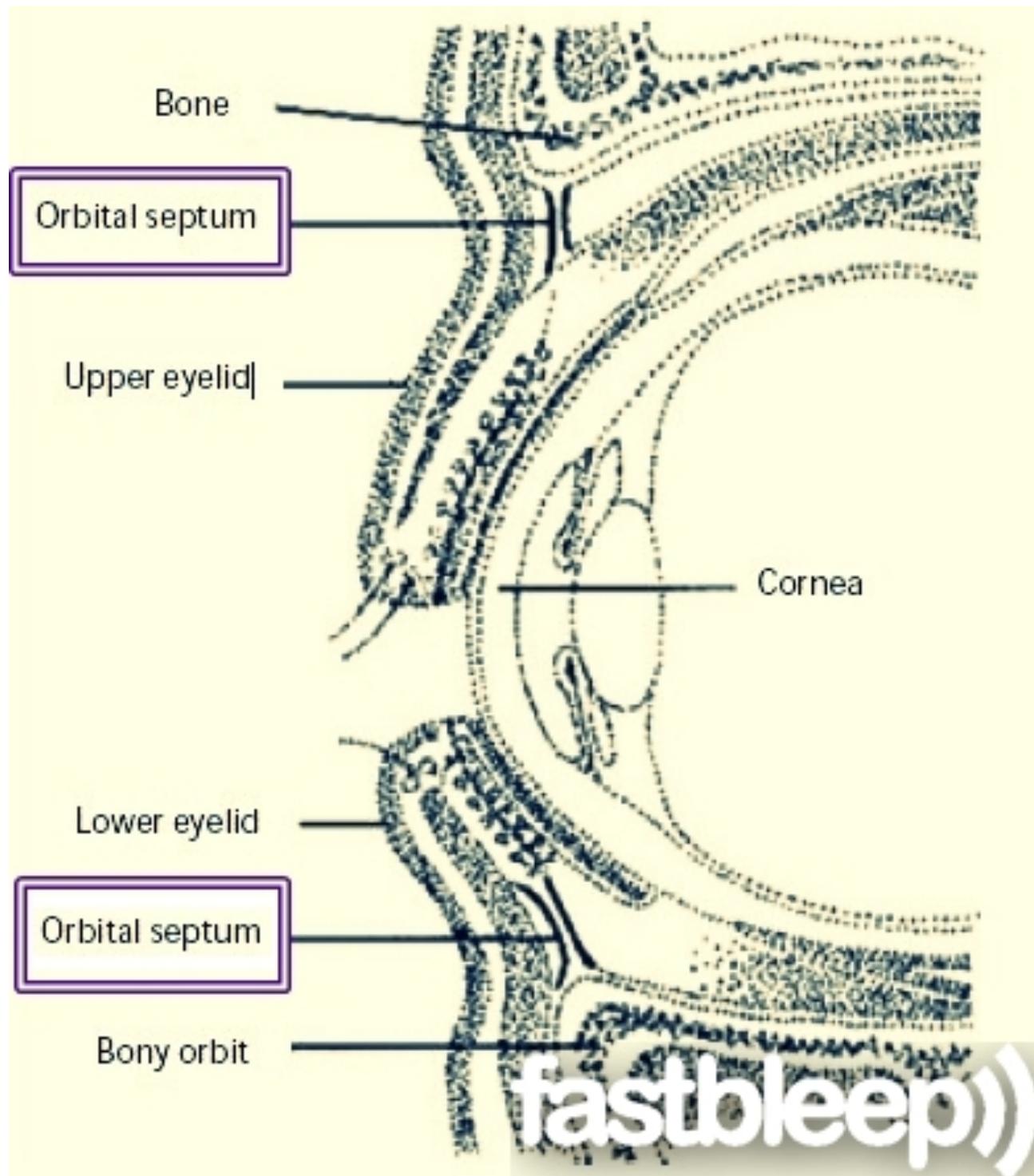
ORBITAL INFECTIONS AND INFLAMMATIONS

1. Orbital
cellulitis

2. Idiopathic orbital inflammatory disease
(IOID)

3. Dacryoadenitis

4. Orbital
myositis





Orbital

- Infection behind orbital septum
- Usually secondary to ethmoiditis
- Presentation - severe malaise, fever and orbital signs

Signs



- Severe eyelid oedema and redness
- Proptosis - most frequently lateral and down
- Painful ophthalmoplegia
- Optic nerve dysfunction if advanced



Complications of orbital cellulitis

- Raised intraocular pressure
- Retinal vasculature occlusion
- Optic neuropathy

Orbital	Intracranial
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orbital or subperiosteal abscess	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meningitis, brain abscess• Cavernous sinus thrombosis

Management of orbital



Pre-treatment



Post-treatment

1. Hospital admission

2. Systemic antibiotic therapy

3. Monitoring of optic nerve function

4. Indications for surgery

- Resistance to antibiotics
- Orbital or subperiosteal abscess
- Optic neuropathy

Idiopathic orbital inflammatory disease (IOID)

- Non-neoplastic, non-infectious orbital lesion (pseudotumour)
- Involves any or all soft-tissue components
- Presentation - 20 to 50 years with abrupt painful onset



- Usually unilateral
- Periorbital swelling and chemosis
- Proptosis
- Ophthalmoplegia



Clinical course and treatment of IOID

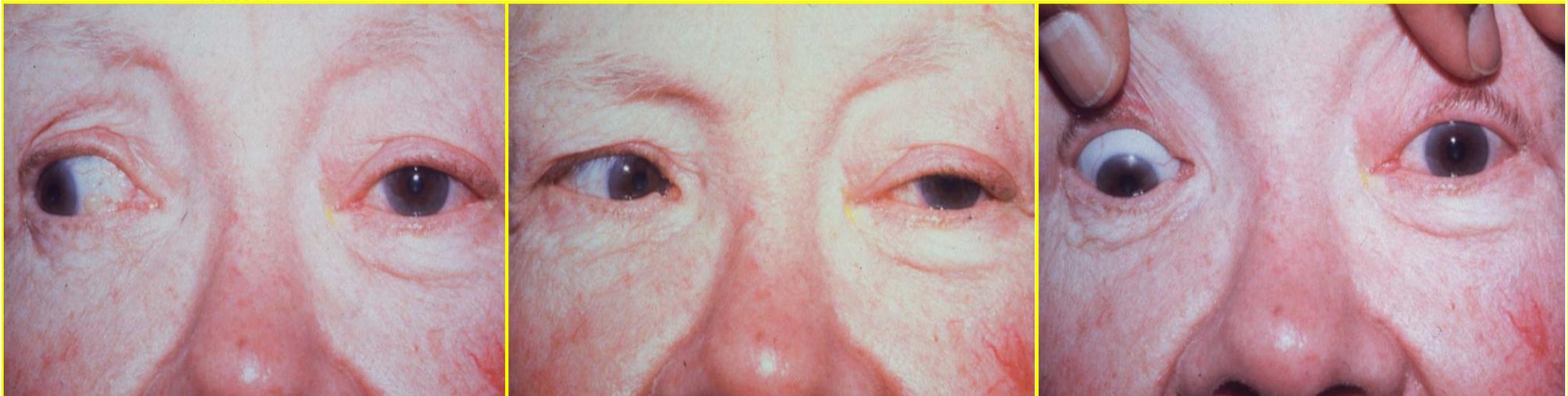
1. Early spontaneous remission without sequelae

Treatment - nil

2. Prolonged intermittent activity with eventual remission

Treatment options - steroids, radiotherapy or cytotoxics

3. Severe prolonged activity causing a 'frozen orbit'



Left involvement resulting in ophthalmoplegia and ptosis



Dacryoadenitis

- Occurs in 25% of patients with IOID
- Usually affects otherwise healthy individuals - no treatment required
- Presentation - acute discomfort over lacrimal gland



- Oedema of lateral aspect of upper lid
- Mild downward and inward globe displacement

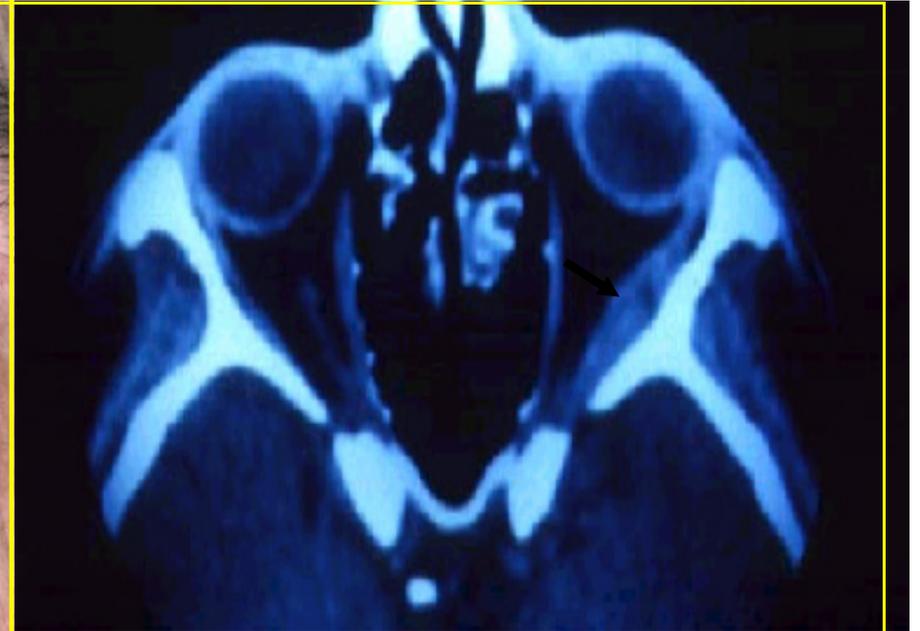


- Injection and tenderness of palpebral lobe of lacrimal gland
- Reduction in tear secretion



Orbital myositis

- Subtype of IOID
- Involvement of one or more extraocular muscles
- Clinical course is usually short - treat with NSAIDs
- Presentation - sudden onset of pain on ocular movement



- Underaction of left lateral rectus
- Worsening of pain on attempted left gaze

- CT shows fusiform enlargement of left lateral rectus

