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## Orbital tumors





# ORBITAL TUMOURS

## 1. Vascular tumours

- Capillary haemangioma
- Cavernous haemangioma

## 2. Lacrimal gland tumours

- Pleomorphic adenoma
- Carcinoma

## 3. Neural tumours

- Optic nerve glioma
- Optic nerve sheath meningioma
- Sphenoidal ridge meningioma

## 4. Miscellaneous tumours

- Lymphoma
- Rhabdomyosarcoma
- Metastases
- Invasion from sinuses

# Capillary haemangioma *Benign + regress with time*

- Most common orbital tumour in children
- Presents - 30% at birth and 100% at 6 months



- ⇒ Imp to treat them because they can cause amblyopia in children
- ⇒ Rx w/ intra-lesional or oral steroids
- ⇒ Beta blockers if they're resistant.
- ⇒ anti-VEGF

- Most commonly in superior anterior orbit
- May enlarge on coughing or straining
- Associated 'strawberry' naevus is common

# Capillary haemangioma

## Natural history



- Growth during first year
- Subsequent resolution - complete in 70% by age 7 years

## Systemic associations

- High output cardiac failure
- Kasabach-Merritt syndrome - thrombocytopenia, anaemia
- Maffucci syndrome - skin haemangiomas, enchondromata

## Treatment

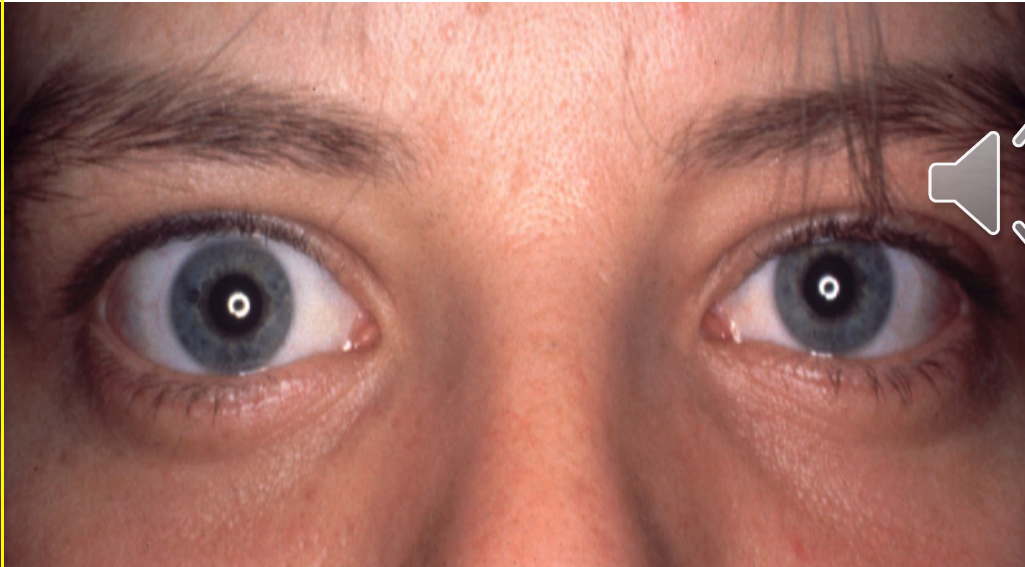
- Steroid injections - for superficial component
- Systemic steroids
- Local resection - difficult



# Cavernous haemangioma

- Most common **benign** orbital tumour in adults
- Usually located just behind globe
- Female preponderance - 70%
- Presents - **4th to 5th decade**

*presents as a lady  
complaining of ptosis in the  
unaffected eye*



Slowly progressive axial proptosis

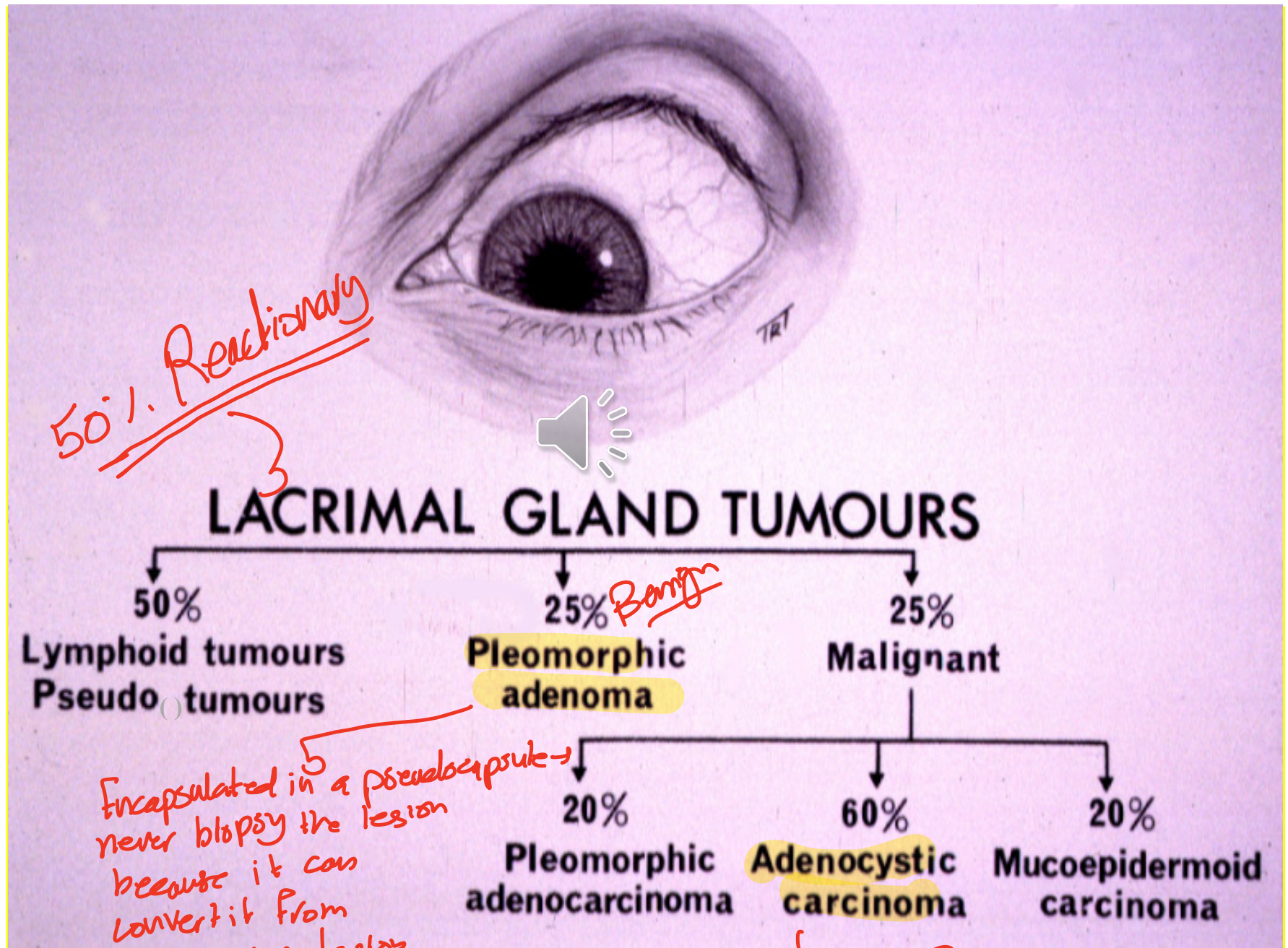


May cause choroidal  
folds

**Treatment** - surgical excision

*cryotherapy (freeze the blood inside)*

# Classification of lacrimal gland tumours



50% Reactionary

Benign

Encapsulated in a pseudocapsule → never biopsy the lesion because it can convert it from a benign lesion to a malignant.

↳ poor outcome

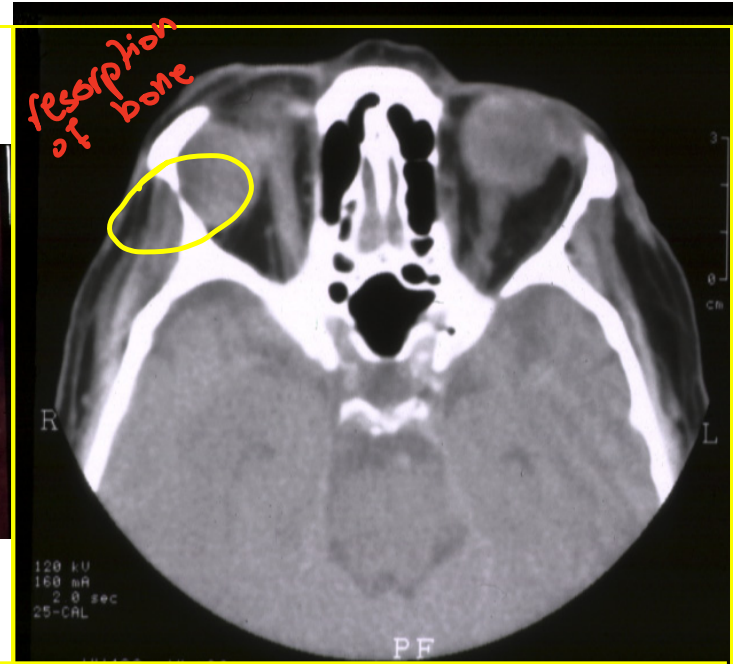
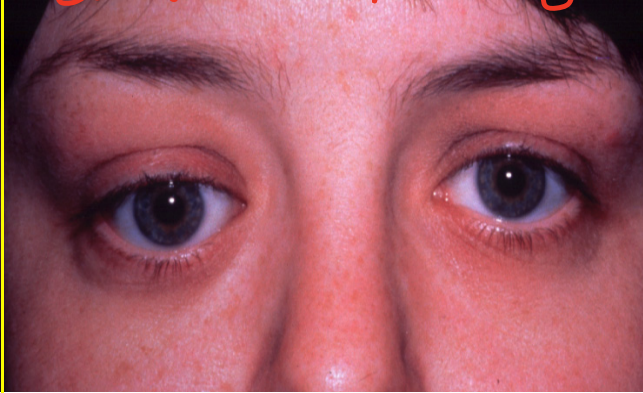




# Pleomorphic Lacrimal Gland Adenoma

Presents - 4th to 5th decade

can cause dystopia:  
the eye is pushed  
downwards + medially



- Painless and very slow-growing, smooth mass in lacrimal fossa
- Inferonasal globe displacement

- Posterior extension may cause proptosis and ophthalmoplegia

- Smooth, encapsulated outline
- Excavation of lacrimal gland fossa without destruction



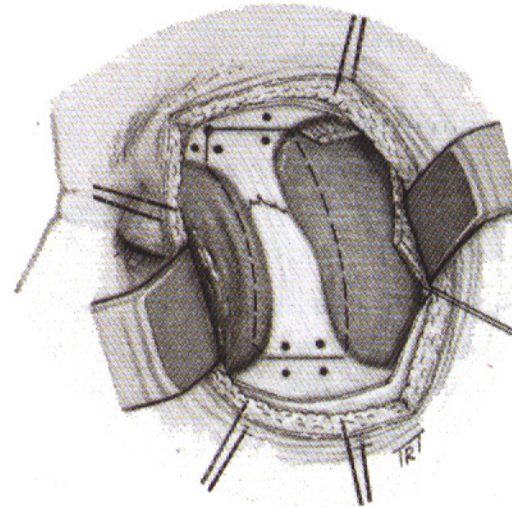
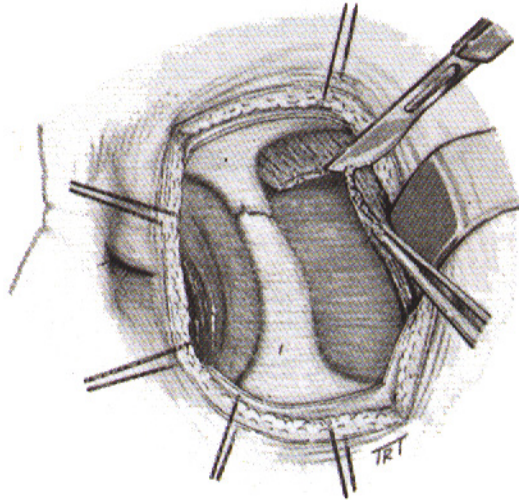


# Technique of surgical

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- **excision** - good if completely excised

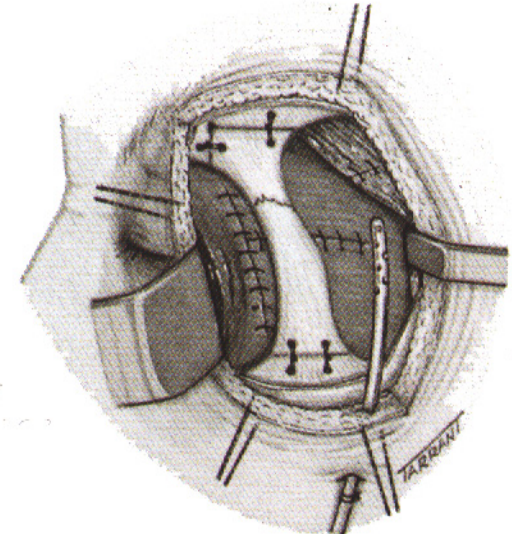
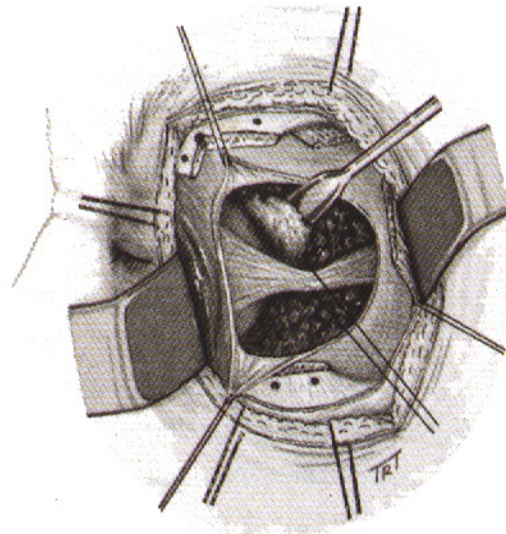
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Incision of temporal muscle and periosteum



Drilling of bone for subsequent wiring

Removal of lateral orbital wall and dissection of tumour



Repair of temporal muscle and periosteum

# Lacrimal gland

- Presents - 4th to 6th decades
- ## carcinoma
- Very poor prognosis



- Painful, fast-growing mass in lacrimal fossa
- Infero-nasal globe displacement



- Posterior extension may cause proptosis, ophthalmoplegia and episcleral congestion
- Trigeminal hypoaesthesia in 25%

## Management

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- Biopsy
- Radical surgery and radiotherapy





# Optic nerve glioma

tumor of the astrocytes

(2<sup>nd</sup> astrocytoma).

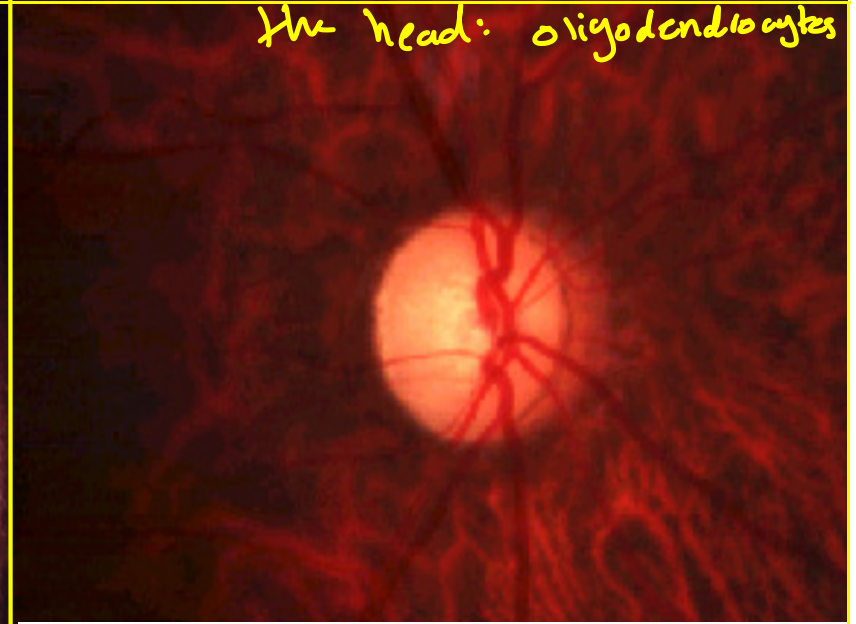
Supporting cells of the retina:

muller cells supporting cells of the head of the optic nerve  
: Astrocytes of the optic nerve beyond

- Typically affects young girls
- Associated neurofibromatosis -1 is common  
AD on chromosome 13
- Presents - end of first decade with gradual visual loss



Gradually progressive proptosis



the head: oligodendrocytes

Optic atrophy

## Treatment

- Observation - no growth, good vision and good cosmesis
- Excision - poor vision and poor cosmesis (20mm  $\rightarrow$  بياض)
- Radiotherapy - intracranial extension  
 $\rightarrow$  no rate unless you have a chiasmatal lesion involvement

unless it's growing back onto the optic chiasma  $\rightarrow$  we don't resect it

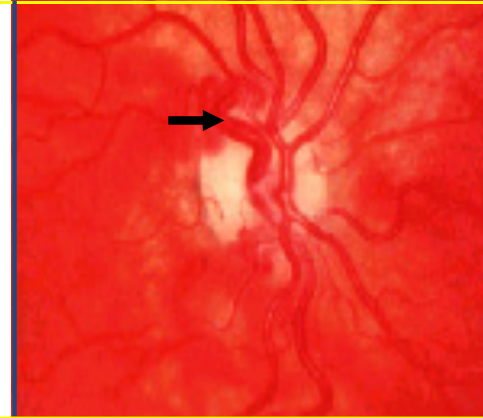
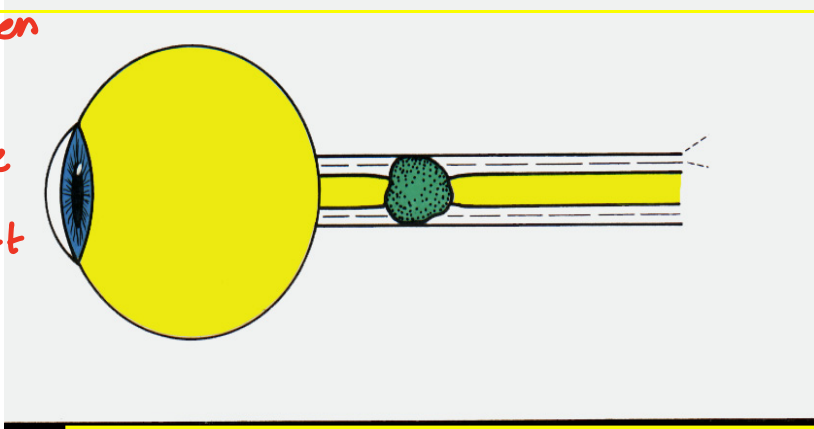


# Optic nerve sheath meningioma

2<sup>nd</sup> most common tumor of the optic nerve

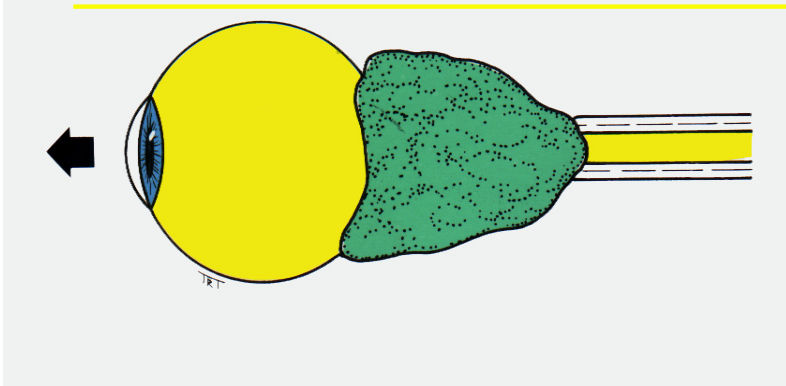
Typically affects middle-aged women

\* usually arise from the cranium and then involve the orbit secondarily.  
 \* primary optic nerve meningioma are very rare and start at the middle of the optic nerve.  
 \* optic nerve glioma starts at the tip and goes back in a tram-track appearance.



Gradual visual loss due to optic nerve compression

Optociliary shunts in 30%



Proptosis due to intraconal spread

Thickening and calcification on CT

\* histologically: presence of psammoma bodies which are calcifications inside the tumor itself.

## Treatment

- Observation - slow-growing tumours
- Excision - aggressive tumours and poor vision
- Radiotherapy - slow-growing tumours and good vision

OCPs + pregnancy worsen meningioma  
 => responsive to desferrioxamine

Steroid dependent



=> NonHodgkin

# Lymphom

on MRI you can see the tumor eating most of the orbit structure.

lymph is in all nodes inside the orbit

Presents - 6th to 8th decades



Affects any part of orbit and may be bilateral



Anterior lesions are rubbery on palpitation

Beery Reed/Schmon patch like



May be confined to lacrimal glands

## Treatment

- Radiotherapy - localized lesions
- Chemotherapy - disseminated disease

lymphoma

Types:  
 1 Embryonal  
 2 Alveolar  
 3 Mixed  
 bad prognosis

M.C. (70%) a good prognosis  
 in adults

# Rhabdomyosarcoma usually mistaken for cellulitis

- Most common primary childhood orbital malignancy
- Rapid onset in first decade (average 7 yrs)



May involve any part of orbit

Palpable mass and ptosis in about 30%

## Treatment

- Radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- Exenteration for radio-resistant or recurrent tumours

M.C. in adults: MPFS



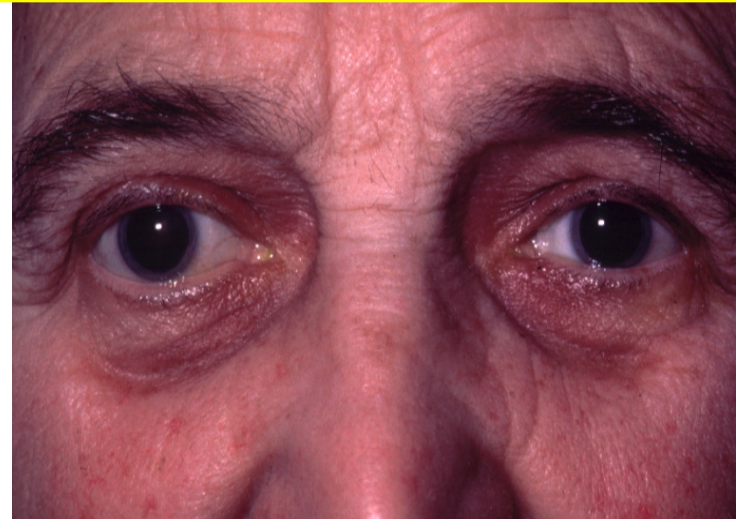
# Adult metastatic tumours

Common primary sites - breast, bronchus, prostate, skin melanoma, gastrointestinal tract and kidney

## Presentations



Anterior orbital mass with non-axial globe displacement



Enophthalmos with schirrous tumours



Similar to orbital pseudo-tumour



Cranial nerve involvement at orbital apex and mild proptosis

# Orbital invasion by sinus tumours

Maxillary  
carcinoma



Upward globe displacement and epiphora

Ethmoidal  
carcinoma



Lateral globe displacement



# Childhood metastatic tumours

Neuroblastoma



- Presents in early childhood
- May be bilateral
- Typically involves superior orbit

Chloroma



- Presents at about age 7yrs
- Rapid onset proptosis - may be bilateral
- Subsequent systematic dissemination to full-blown leukaemia





*Thank you*

