URGENT/EMERGENT When to Refer



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58 yr old WF with 6 month history of decreased vision left eye.

Ache behind the left eye for 2-3 months.

Using husband's contact lens solution made it feel better.

Seen by two eye care professionals. Given glasses & told eye exam was normal.



No past ocular history

Medical history of depression

Takes only aspirin and vitamins



20/20 OD 20/30 OS

Eye Pressure 15 OD 16 OS – normal

Dilated fundus exam & slit lamp were normal



Pupillary exam was normal

Extraocular movements were full

Confrontation visual fields were full

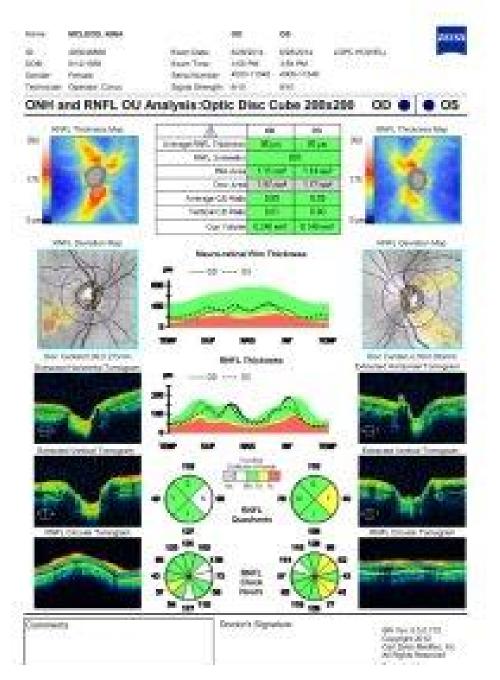


No red desaturation

Color vision was slightly decreased but the same in both eyes

Amsler grid testing was normal







OCT disc – OD normal OS slight decreased RNFL

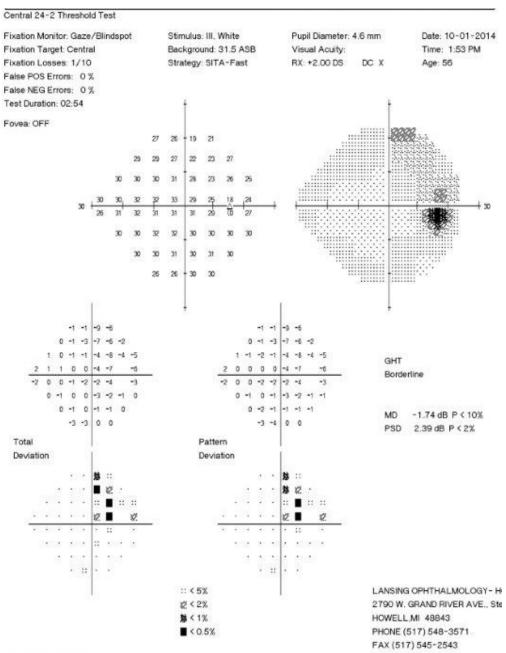
OCT of the macula was normal



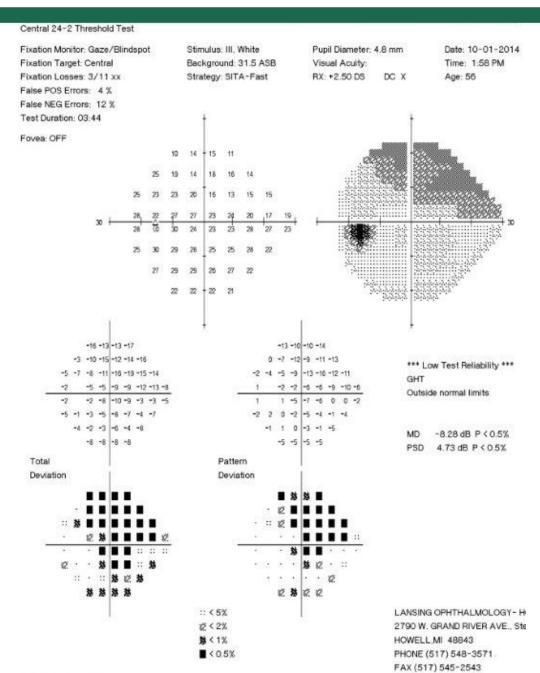
Most common diagnoses:

Dry Eye Optic Neuritis

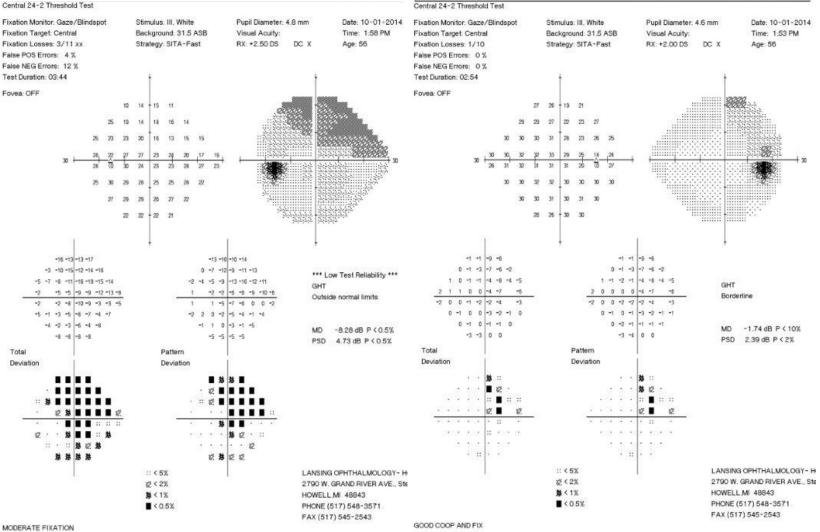














Treatment - copious amount of artificial tears.



Return to recheck refraction

Visual field testing



Visual Field testing -

Small defect in the right eye

Large nasal defect in the left eye



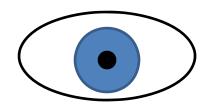
Visual Field - Right Hemianopsia.

MRI which showed a subacute parietal and occipital lobe infarct.



ANISOC-RIA





Size of the Pupil

Constrictor muscles innervated by the Parasympathetic system



Dilating muscles innervated by the Sympathetic system



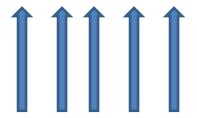
The Sympathetic System

Begins in the hypothalamus, travels through the brainstem.

Then through the upper chest, up through the neck and to the eye.



The Sympathetic System innervates
Mueller's muscle which helps to elevate the
upper eyelid.





WHICH IS THE ABNORMAL PUPIL?





It's not always the larger one.



Measure the difference in size in bright light.

Measure the difference in dim light.



If the difference in size is greater in bright light, then the larger pupil is abnormal.



If the difference in size in greater in dim light, then the smaller pupil is abnormal.

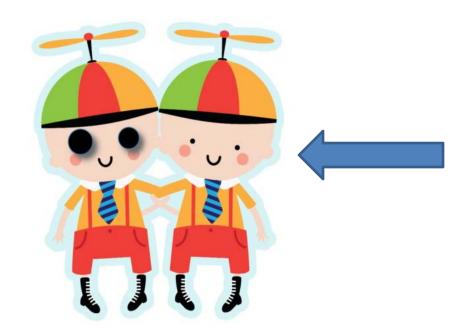


If the difference in size is the same in bright light or dim light, then it is Physiologic anisocoria.

Physiologic anisocoria is common and can be seen in up to 20% of the population.



ABNORMAL MIOTIC PUPIL





Horner's Syndrome



Anhidrosis or decreased sweating to that side of face.

In infants, there is less flushing on that side of the face.





Horner's Syndrome involving 1st order neurons – hypothalamus.

Stroke Tumor

More likely associated with other symptoms.



Isolated Horner's Syndrome

Think neck & upper chest

The Sympathetic Chain can be damaged as it travels across the chest and up the neck along the carotid artery.



Apical lung tumor – Pancoast tumor

Carotid artery dissection

Seat belt injury



Horner's Syndrome in Infants

Neck & shoulder injury during delivery

Neuroblastoma

Defect of aorta

















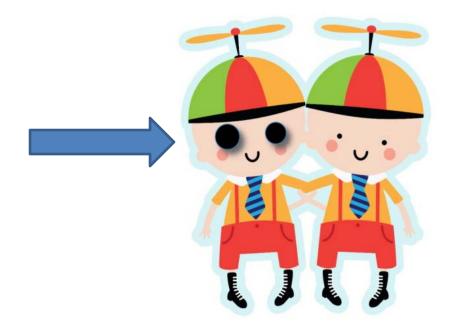
Iritis is often associated with miotic pupil.

But.....

is also associated with pain, decreased vision, redness and photophobia.



ABNORMAL DILATED PUPIL





ASK...

Eye surgery, trauma or eye disease

Using any eye drops?
OTC "red out" or allergy drops can dilate the pupil.



OTC nasal sprays containing neosynephrine.

If any of the spray gets on the finger and the eye is touched the pupil can dilate.





Emergent conditions presenting with a dilated pupil are usually associated with other symptoms.



3rd nerve palsy

Dilated pupil
Ipsilateral ptosis
Double vision.
The eye is "down & out"

Possible Aneurysm – needs immediate evaluation.

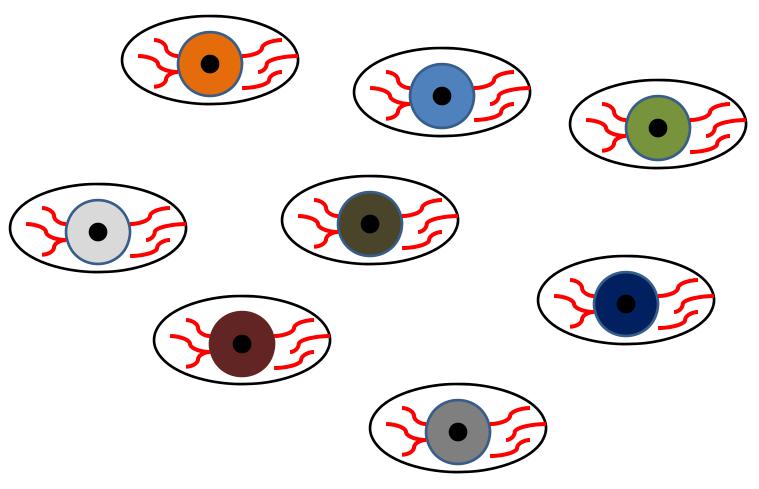


Acute Angle Closure Glaucoma

Mid-dilated pupil
Redness
Steamy cornea
Decreased vision
Pain
Nausea



MY RED EYE WON'T GO AWAY!!





This often means that you are treating the symptom, not the cause.



History
Photophobia
Itching
Contact lens wear
Medications

Exam
Location of injection
Cornea
Discharge
Lids



Common causes of recurrent or treatment resistant red eyes.



Blepharitis

Meibomian Gland Dysfunction

Trichiasis

Ectropion – chronic exposure

Entropion – can you see the lashes of the lower lid?



Dry Eye

Corneal ulcer – contact lens wear

Marginal ulcer associated with blepharitis.

Need to treat lids



Inflammation

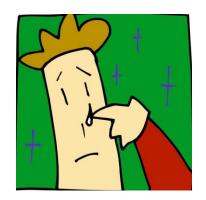
Iritis – ciliary flush, photophobia

Episcleritis – localized injection, often tender to touch



Allergic conjunctivitis

itchy
watery
bilateral





Infective

Bacterial conjunctivitis – thick discharge crusting

Viral conjunctivitis – watery discharge

Hygiene

Treat itching with antihistamine drops.

Steroid drops for chronic symptoms.

Antibiotics if secondary bacterial infection.



HSV keratoconjunctivitis Not all HSV is a dendrite

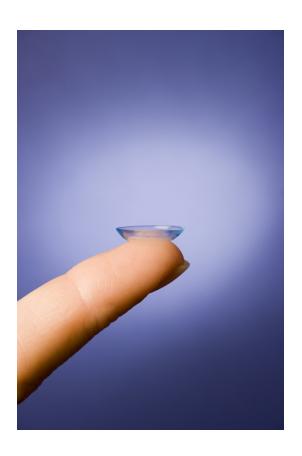
Think HSV with unusual looking epithelial defects or an epithelial defect that is poorly responding to the usual treatment.

??Has the patient been on steroids??





Contact lens wear/abuse



Need I say more?



INJURY













Hyphema – suspect with any blunt injury

If have slit lamp check inferior angle and inferior corneal endothelium for micro hyphema or layering on endothelium

Check eye pressure

Bed rest, head elevated, dilate, topical steroids

Increased risk of rebleed in first 5 days. Second bleed can be worse

Injury with wire or branch

Large caliber - abrasion, traumatic iritis, hyphema

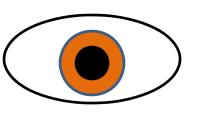
Small caliber - possible ocular penetration

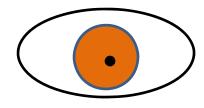
Did it spring back and hit the eye??



Check pupil

Traumatic mydriasis – large





Traumatic iritis – small

Ruptured globe - peaked pupil



Chemical Burns

Acid – superficial

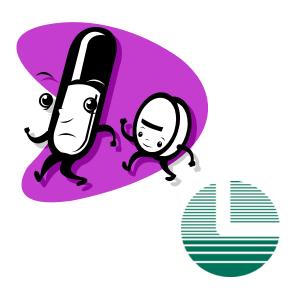
Alkali – penetrating

Irrigate until neutral pH

Treat with antibiotic if associated with epithelial defect. Can use symptomatic treatment with topical NSAID and artificial tears if inflammation only.

COMMON SYSTEMIC MEDICATIONS WITH OPHTHALMIC SIDE EFFECTS







Steroids – very common



Steroid induced glaucoma HSV Keratitis Cataract



Plaquenil - retinopathy



Alpha blockers such as Flomax

Prevents pupil from dilating
Causes Intraocular Floppy Iris Syndrome during
intraocular surgery

No need to stop the medication Ophthalmic surgeon just needs to be aware



Anticholinergics for Overactive Bladder

Commonly associated with dry eye

Chronic dry eye treatment may be needed if patient needs to stay on this medication





Antihistamines – dry eye angle closure glaucoma

Topamax – acute myopia angle closure glaucoma



SYSTEMIC DISORDERS THAT SHOULD INCLUDE OPHTHALMIC EVALUATION





Temporal Arteritis



Classic symptoms

pain at temple jaw claudication proximal limb weakness



Unusual presentations

Diplopia

Chemosis

Ptosis



CRP & ESR. TA biopsy. Treat with oral steroids Treatment can take years and taper is slow



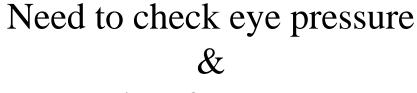
Need to check eye pressure



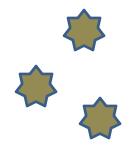
monitor for cataracts



Chemotherapy and chronic inflammatory conditions associated with long term or high dose steroid treatment









THANK YOU FOR YOU FOR COMING

