



## Emergency Ocular Motility Disorders

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Cranial nerves palsies (oculomotor, Trochlear & abducent)

Orbital cellulitis

Retrobulber haemorrhage

## Ocular Motor Cranial Nerves Palsy

Annual incidence of third, fourth, and sixth nerve palsies combined was 7.6 per 100,000

The most commonly affected nerve was the fourth (36%), followed by the sixth (33%), the third (22%), and multiple nerve palsies (9%).

Causes include congenital ,trauma, bacterial meningitis & tumours

## Ocular Motor Cranial Nerves Palsy

- \* While in **elderly** vasculopathic 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> nerve palsies are common & usually resolve in 2 -3 month.
- \* In **children** they may be due to more serious pathology like trauma , tumours & usually needs further investigations
- \* They may cause loss of binocular vision & amblyopia
- \* Children have a high regenerative ability & aberrant regeneration may occur

## Accommodative esotropia after ocular and head injury.

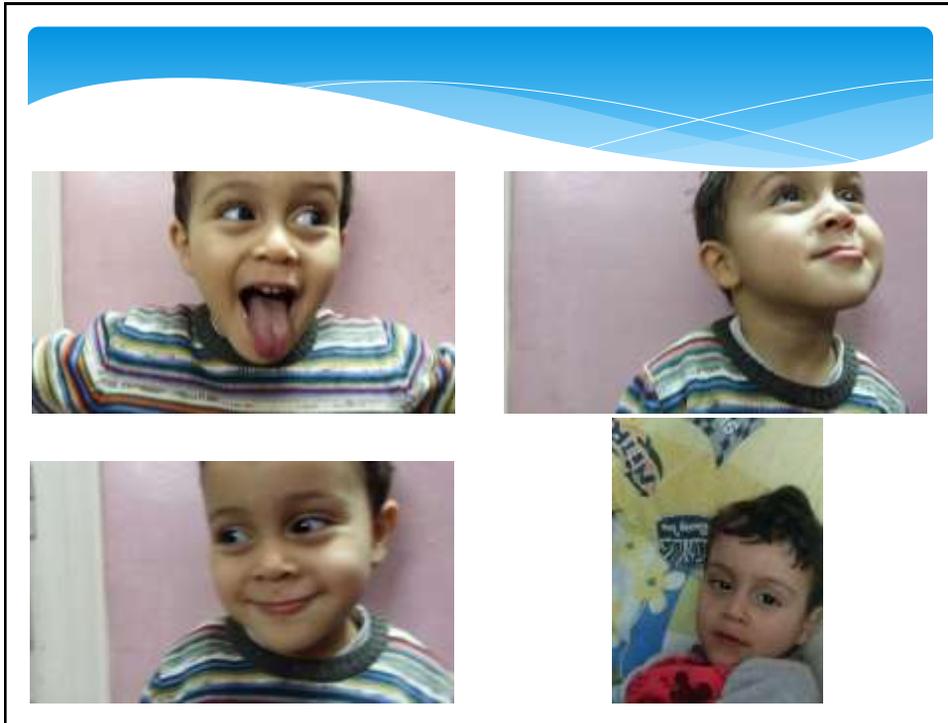
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**Accommodative esotropia after ocular and head injury.**

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**Abstract**

Five children lost their ability for motor fusion after traumatic injury to either the eye or head. All patients had the onset of accommodative esotropia within two months of the traumatic episode. The ocular alignment of each child was controlled by the use of spectacles that corrected the accommodative requirements. These patients are unique because they did not show any evidence of accommodative esotropia before their injuries. One child developed accommodative esotropia with a high ratio of accommodative convergence to accommodation. The use of bifocal spectacles controlled the deviation for this child.

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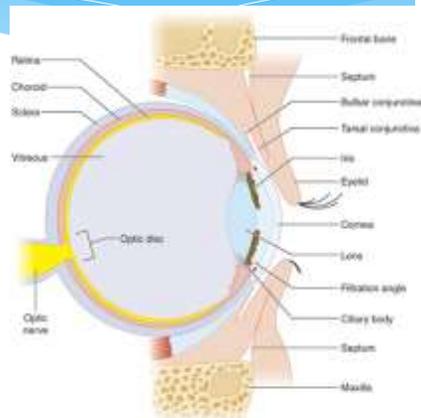
## Orbital and periorbital (preseptal) cellulitis

Orbital and ocular adnexal infections are more common in children than adults and must be accurately distinguished from periorbital infections, because the pathogenesis, treatment, and potential severity of sequelae vary considerably.

## Orbital and periorbital (preseptal) cellulitis

The septum separates the periorbital soft tissues (preseptal region) from the orbital space and provides a **barrier** to the spread of infection between the 2 regions.

The preseptal infection can also travel through the **valveless** venous drainage system of the midfacial region involving the eye cavity and, thereby allowing for the indirect spread of infection



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## Orbital and periorbital (preseptal) cellulitis

The eye is surrounded by **paranasal sinuses** on 3 of its 4 walls.

Infection can spread from the paranasal sinuses to the bone, forming subperiosteal abscesses, and into the orbital space, producing orbital cellulitis (lamina papyracea)

These anatomic considerations help to explain the typical pathogens found in orbital cellulitis.

**The periorbital area** is protected from the paranasal sinuses by the orbital septum; therefore, it is far less susceptible to infection by sinus pathogens. Infections in the periorbital area are usually secondary to **skin pathogens**

## Orbital Vs Preseptal cellulitis

**Periorbital cellulitis** is more common than orbital cellulitis

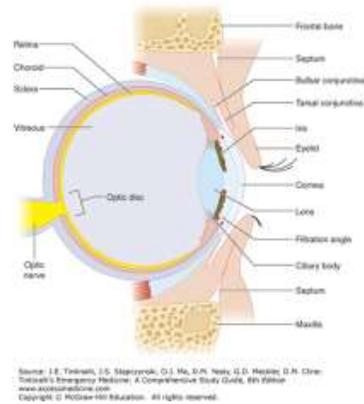
It presents with erythema, induration, tenderness, or warmth of the periorbital tissues.

Signs of systemic illness are often absent. Extraocular motion is not affected and should be full.

**decreased movement of the eye is one of the cardinal features of orbital cellulitis**, along with proptosis, decreased visual acuity, chemosis, and papilledema .

## Orbital Vs Preseptal cellulitis

- \* Orbital cellulitis is also associated with erythema, pain, and swollen eyelids, but the eyelid swelling of orbital cellulitis can be differentiated from that of periorbital cellulitis in that it will not extend beyond the superior orbital rim onto the brow. This limitation of upper eyelid swelling is due to the extension of the **orbital septum onto the periosteum** of the inferior margin of the superior orbital rim, which effectively provides a structural barrier limiting the degree of upper eyelid swelling in orbital cellulitis



## Treatment

- \* Preseptal cellulitis is treated with appropriate oral antibiotics
- \* Any child with orbital cellulitis must be admitted for parenteral antibiotics and close observation among a multidisciplinary team, with or without surgical intervention.
- \* If subperiosteal abscess or collection of pus occur surgical drainage is necessary



## Causes of Retrobulbar Hemorrhage

**Trauma** may be other injury to surrounding structures

Orbital or periorbital **surgery** may occur post op

**Blood diseases** , hemophilia , Coagulopathies & leukaemia

**Vascular malformations** may cause spontaneous Hge

## Retrobulbar Hemorrhage

### Symptoms

Pain ,Decreased vision ,Diplopia , Nausea & Vomiting

### Signs

Proptosis with resistance to retropulsion

Ophthalmoplegia , Increase IOP & RAPD

Periorbital ecchymosis Subconjunctival Hmg

Optic disc or retina pallor

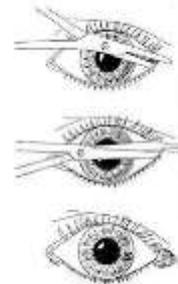
Venous retrobulbar hge is usually self limited and tend spread slowly ,they often do not require treatment

Arterial retrobulbar hmg occurs more rapidly, more aggressive

## Retrobulbar Hemorrhage

- \* Retrobulbar hemorrhage may result in acute loss of vision that is reversible when recognized and treated promptly.
- \* The diagnosis is clinical & no need for scans
- \* The technique of emergent orbital decompression by lateral canthotomy and cantholysis
- \* The anatomy of the lateral canthus and the surgical procedure are illustrated by gross dissection.

## Lateral Canthotomy Cantholysis



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