

### Lens Associated Glaucomas



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### Lens Associated Glaucoma

- Lens-induced open angle glaucoma
  - Phacolytic
  - Phacotoxic, phacoanaphylactic
  - Lens particle
- Lens-induced angle closure
  - Phacomorphic
- Lens dislocation

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### Lens Associated Glaucoma

- Post cataract extraction
  - Retained lens cortex
  - IOL-related
- Post Nd:Yag posterior capsulotomy

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### Phacomorphic Glaucoma

- Secondary angle closure from intumescent lens
- Pupillary block glaucoma
- Increased risk: Hyperopia  
Weak zonules  
(Trauma, Exfoliation, Age)

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### Phacomorphic Glaucoma (Lens Intumescence)

**A. Pupillary Block**

- Central depth deeper than peripheral
- Angle opens with laser iridotomy
- Fellow eye usually narrow

**B. Mechanical angle closure from enlarged lens**

- Chamber diffusely shallow
- Angle remains narrow after iridotomy
- Depth fellow eye variable

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### Phacomorphic Glaucoma / Mechanism

A.

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma: Background

- Zeeman, 1943
- Irvine and Irvine: Blockage of TM by macrophage
- Flocks: "Phacolytic glaucoma"

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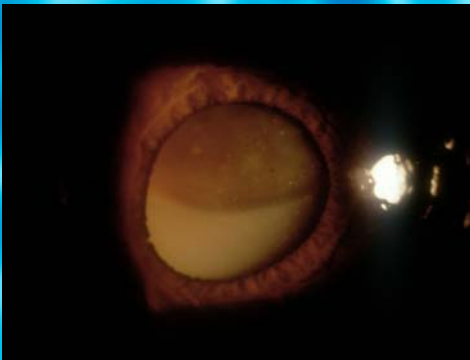
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### Phacolytic Glaucoma

- Clinical presentation
  - Rapid onset of pain and redness
  - Marked elevation of IOP
  - Corneal epithelial edema
  - Keratic precipitates

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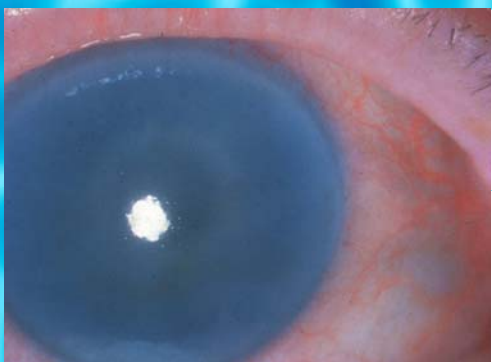
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### Phacolytic Glaucoma

- Clinical Presentation
  - Open angle
  - Minimal-moderate AC reaction, large cells, flare
  - Mature cataract (total opacification) or
  - Hypermature cataract (liquefied cortex)
  - White patches (macs) on ant. lens surface

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma: Differential Diagnosis

- Primary angle closure
- Angle closure from mature cataract
- Neovascular glaucoma
- Uveitic glaucoma

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma

- AC Aspirate
  - HMW lens protein (not seen in ordinary cataract)
  - Macrophages

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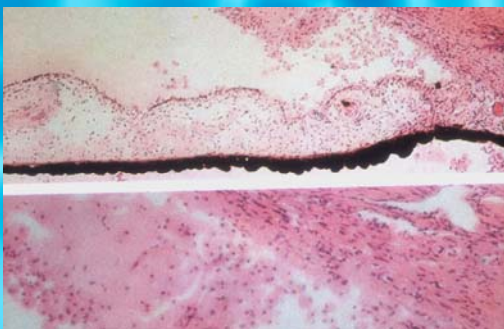
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### Phacolytic Glaucoma: Diagnosis

- Paracentesis: engorged macrophages
- Phase-contrast microscopy and Millipore filter
- Macrophage # does not correlate with IOP
- May not be present if corticosteroid given




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### Phacolytic Glaucoma

- Medical Treatment
  - Beta blocker, CAI
  - Apraclonidine
  - CAI
  - Osmotic agent
  - Topical corticosteroid
- Surgical Treatment

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma: Pathophysiology

- Microscopic defects in lens capsule
- Soluble lens protein enters aqueous humor
  - (May occur intermittently)
- Obstruction of aqueous outflow

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma: Pathophysiology

- High molecular weight lens protein
  - > 150 million g/mol
  - Amount increases with age and cataract formation
  - Absent in infant, juvenile patients
- Usually found in nucleus, not cortex
  - Phacolytic: in liquid cortex

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma

- Epstein:
  - Enucleated human eyes
  - HMW lens protein infused into AC
  - Obstruction of aqueous outflow
  - Decreased outflow with increased protein perfusion
  - Obstruction not relieved by vigorous irrigation

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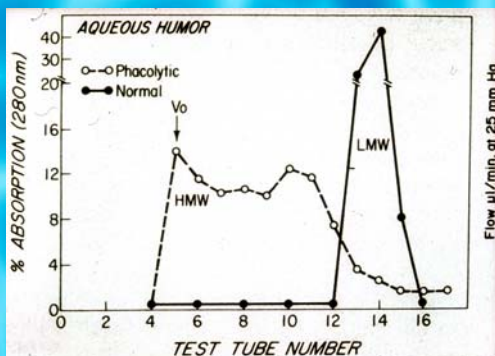
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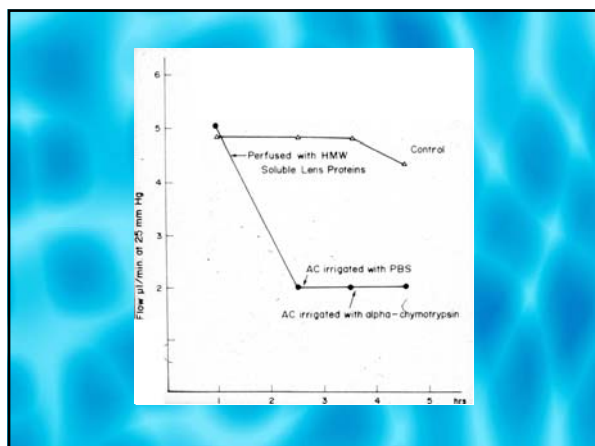
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### Phacolytic Glaucoma: Role of Macrophage

- Macs observed in TM of eyes with phacolytic
- Response to lens material
- Engorged macs in aqueous of children after aspiration of cataract (no glaucoma)
- Dueker: rabbit oil-laden macs cause no IOP rise

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma with Immature Cataract

- Irvine and Irvine, 1952
  - Clinically immature cataract
  - Pathological exam: liquefied posterior cortex
- Chandler 1958
  - Phacolytic glaucoma induced by immature cataract
  - Relieved by lens extraction

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### Phacolytic Glaucoma with Immature Cataract

- Presumed localized liquefaction of posterior cortex
- Vision may be good
- Anterior uveitis, immature cataract
- Non-responsive to steroids, glaucoma meds
- Diagnostic paracentesis

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### Posterior Dislocation with Phacolysis

- Mild injection
- Moderate IOP rise
- Moderate AC reaction
- White patches on lens capsule

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### DDx of Phacolysis with Posterior Dislocation

- POAG
- Angle recession glaucoma
- OAG with lens dislocation
  - (do not see white deposits)

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### Lens Particle Glaucoma

- Retained lens cortex
- Setting
  - Cataract extraction
  - Penetrating lens injury
  - Nd:Yag posterior capsulotomy




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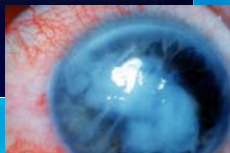
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### Lens Particle Glaucoma: Clinical

- Cortical lens material in AC
- Corneal edema if IOP highly elevated
- Moderate flare and cell (PMNs and macs)
- Gonioscopy: open angle, lens material may be present




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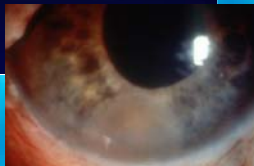
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### Lens Particle Glaucoma

- Cortical and capsular material in TM
- Severity of glaucoma correlates with amount of lens material
- Days to weeks between insult and glaucoma




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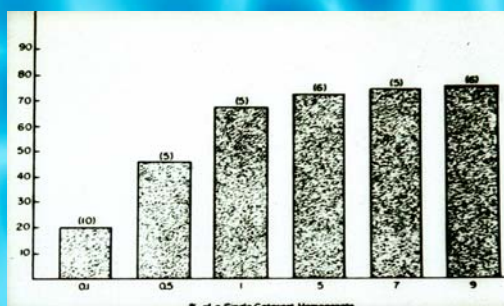
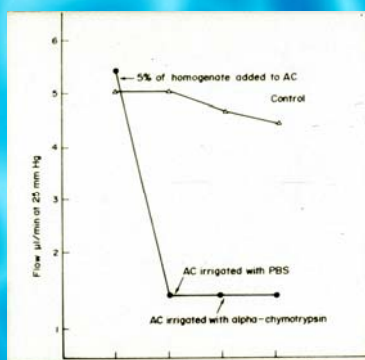
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### Lens Particle Glaucoma: Pathophysiology

- Epstein, Grant: Lens material obstructs TM
- Small amount can cause significant obstruction
- Role of inflammatory cells, viscoelastic
- May cause trabecular dysfunction after many years



### Lens Particle Glaucoma: Therapy

- CAI, beta blocker, +/- osmotic
- Cycloplegia, corticosteroid
- Removal of lens material/vitreous

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### IOP Rise Post Capsulotomy

- 59-67%: > 10 mm above baseline
- 38%: > 40
- Peak after 3-4 hr; Baseline after 1 week
- Increased risk: > 200 mj total energy, pre-existing glaucoma

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### IOP Rise after Nd:Yag Posterior Capsulotomy

- Correlates with reduced facility of outflow
- Small lens fragments or proteins in TM
- Shock wave damage to endothelium or blood-eye barrier
- Vitreous molecules pass anteriorly into TM

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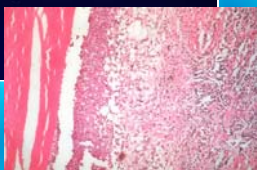
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### "Phacoanaphylaxis"

- Uncommon, granulomatous uveitis
- Response to lens material
- Rarely seen after ICCE
- Glaucoma rare; hypotony more common




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### Sensitization to previously isolated lens protein

- Following extracapsular cataract extraction
- Cataract removal in one eye; subsequent cataract surgery or hypermature lens in fellow
- Traumatic rupture of lens capsule




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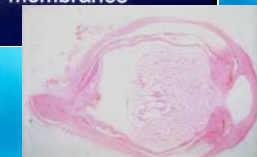
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### "Phacoanaphylaxis" Clinical Picture

- Hours to months after insult
- Uveitis mild to severe
- KPs on cornea and intra-ocular lens
- Marked AC reaction +/- hypopyon
- Residual lens material
- Vitritis, inflammatory membranes




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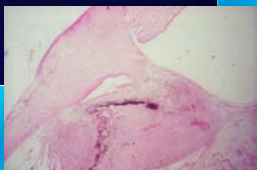
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### Phacogenic Uveitis: DDX

- Bacterial endophthalmitis (*P. acnes*)
- Sympathetic ophthalmia (may co-exist)
- Other granulomatous uveitides



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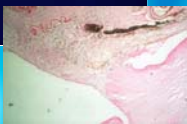
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### Phacogenic Uveitis: Pathophysiology

- Autoimmunity to lens proteins
- Zonal, granulomatous reaction
- PMNs, epithelioid and giant cells, monocytes
- No circulating lens proteins in AC
- Glaucoma: lens particle, inflammatory cells, PAS
- Experimental model: auto-antibodies; ? role of cell-mediated immunity



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### "Phacoanaphylaxis" Management

- Refractory to corticosteroids
- Surgical removal of residual lens material/vitreotomy
- Approach to cataract removal in fellow eye



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### Ectopia Lentis

- Displacement of lens from central position in PC
- Dislocation: No remaining zonular attachment; lens in AC, PC or vitreous
- Subluxation: Loosening of zonules, decentered in pupillary axis

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### Ectopia Lentis: Background

- 1749 Berryat: first report
- 1846 Sichel: traumatic vs spontaneous
- 1849 Arlt: congenital

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Conditions Associated with Ectopia Lentis <sup>a</sup>	
Trauma	Alport's syndrome
Simple ectopia lentis	Mandibulofacial dysostosis
Ectopia lentis et pupillae	Klinefelter's syndrome
Marfan's syndrome	Retinitis pigmentosa
Homocystinuria	Persistent pupillary membrane
Weill-Marchesani syndrome	Axenfeld-Rieger syndrome
High myopia	Dominantly inherited blepharoptosis and high myopia
Uveitis	Marfan-like syndrome with hyaloretinal degeneration
Buphthalmos	Sturge-Weber syndrome
Megalocornea	Syphilis
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome	Crouzon's disease
Hyperlysemia	Reifen's syndrome
Sulfite oxidase deficiency	
Aniridia	
Scleroderma	

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### Ectopia Lentis: signs

- Iridodonesis
- Phakodonesis
- Asymmetry in AC depth (between eyes or quadrants)
- Peripheral iris concave, central iris conical
- Iris bombe if pup. block present
- Zonules attached to lens capsule or retracted

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### Ectopia Lentis: Signs

- Lenticular myopia (increased AP length, ant. displacement)
- Lenticular astigmatism (tilting, decentration)
- Variable astigmatism
- Loss of accommodation
- Monocular diplopia, quadriplopia
- Amblyopia

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### CAUSES OF GLAUCOMA IN THE PRESENCE OF ECTOPIA LENTIS

- I. Lens related
  - A. Pupillary block by lens
  - B. Pupillary block by lens and vitreous
  - C. Pupillary block by vitreous
  - D. Lens in anterior chamber
  - E. Phacolytic glaucoma
  - F. Secondary open-angle glaucoma caused by repeated attacks of angle-closure
  - G. Peripheral anterior synechiae caused by chronic angle-closure
- II. Lens unrelated
  - A. Angle recession
  - B. Chamber angle anomaly
  - C. Coincident primary open-angle glaucoma
  - D. Other forms of glaucoma related to an underlying disease process (e.g., ghost cell glaucoma, neovascular glaucoma)

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### Anterior Dislocation of the Lens

- Marfan's syndrome
- Homocystinuria
- Spherophakia

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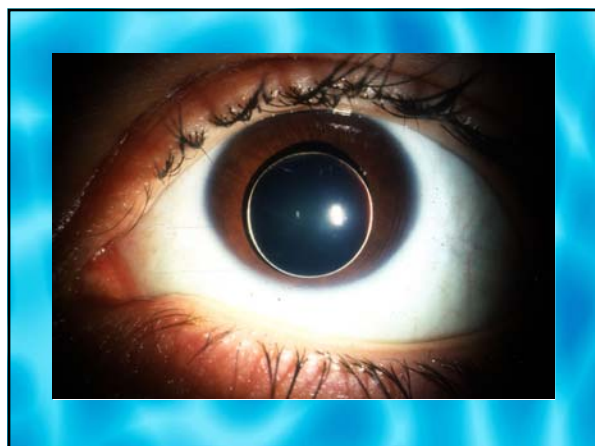
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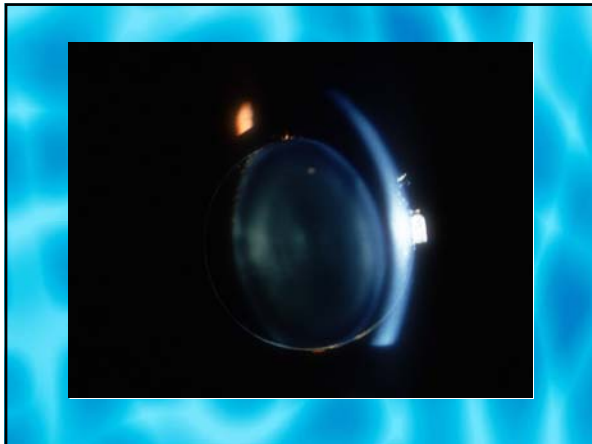
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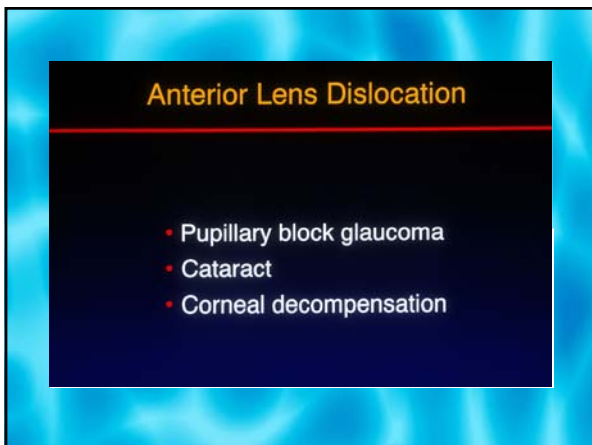
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### Anterior Lens Dislocation

- Pupillary block glaucoma
- Cataract
- Corneal decompensation

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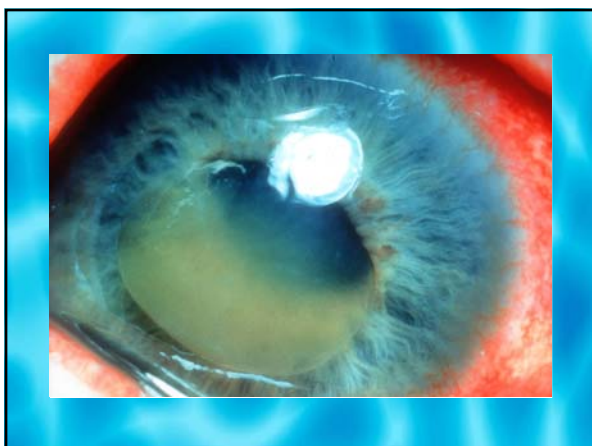
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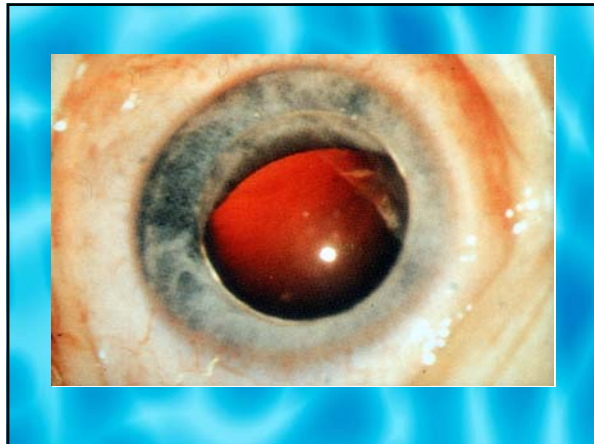
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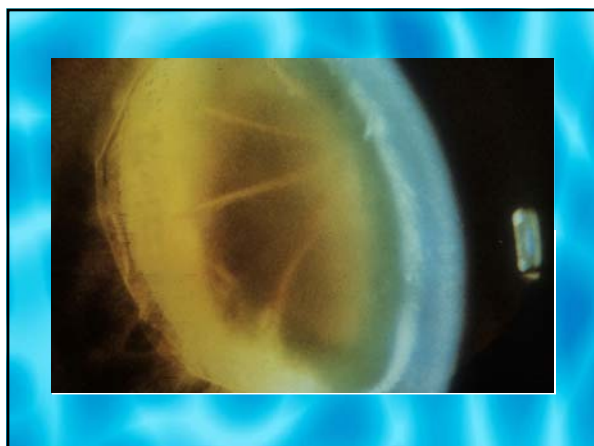
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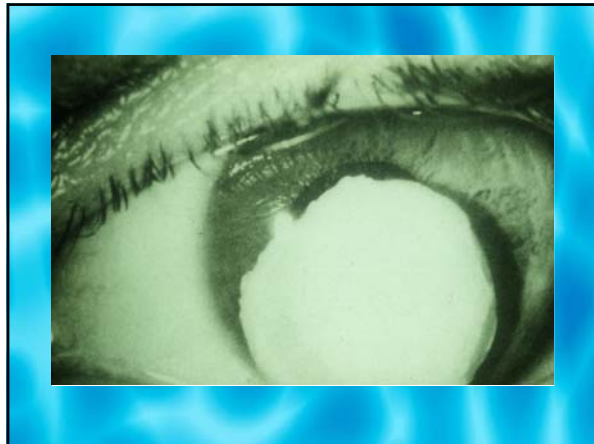
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#### Glaucoma Associated with Lens Dislocation

- Spontaneous Dislocation
- Traumatic Dislocation

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#### Anterior Dislocation of the Lens

- Treatment of glaucoma
  - Peripheral iridectomy
  - Prophylactic PI in contralateral eye
  - Miotic

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### Spontaneous Dislocation into Vitreous Cavity

- Marfan's syndrome
- Marchesani's syndrome
- High myopia

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### Glaucoma associated with Posterior Dislocation

- Open angle glaucoma
- Pupillary block from vitreous herniation
- Cells and lens material in TM

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Posterior Lens Dislocation

- Treatment of glaucoma
  - Peripheral iridectomy if pupillary block
  - Lens removal if phacolysis

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POSTERIOR LENS DISLOCATION

Indications for Surgical Removal

- Inflammation
- Glaucoma
- Visual loss
- Intermittent anterior chamber dislocation with glaucoma

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POSTERIOR LENS DISLOCATION

Indications for Surgical Removal

- Hypermature lens
- Capsular rupture/free cortex

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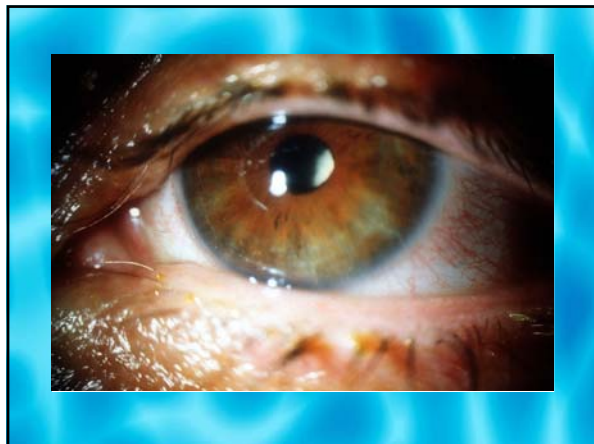
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### Marfan's Syndrome

- Most common inherited disorder with ectopia lentis
- Autosomal dominant, high penetrance
- Muskuloskeletal, cardiovascular abnormalities

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### Marfan's Syndrome: Ocular Findings

- Enlarged globe, high myopia, flat cornea
- Iris stromal hypoplasia, correctopia
- Gonio: Iris processes, mounds of iris tissue, vascular anomalies
- Lens dislocation 80% (superior, superotemporal); 1st decade

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### Marfan's Syndrome: Ocular Findings

- Lens irregular border, zonules torn and retracted (abnl SEM)
- Lattice, retinal hole, RD
- Heterochromia, keratoconus, strabismus, coloboma of retina/ON

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### Marfan's Syndrome: Glaucoma

- 8% with ectopia lentis
- Ciliary processes long and narrow
- Longitudinal muscle inserts onto TM
- Circular muscle hypoplastic
- Iris root inserted posteriorly with iris mounds
- Schlemm's canal focally absent

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### Simple Ectopia Lentis

- Autosomal dominant (rarely recessive)
- Normal pupils
- Onset in childhood (some older pedigrees)
- Bilateral and symmetric
- Dislocated upward and laterally
- Comp: Lens in AC, glaucoma, RD

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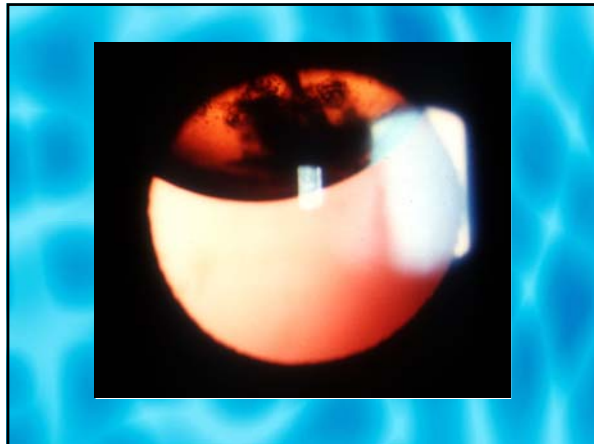
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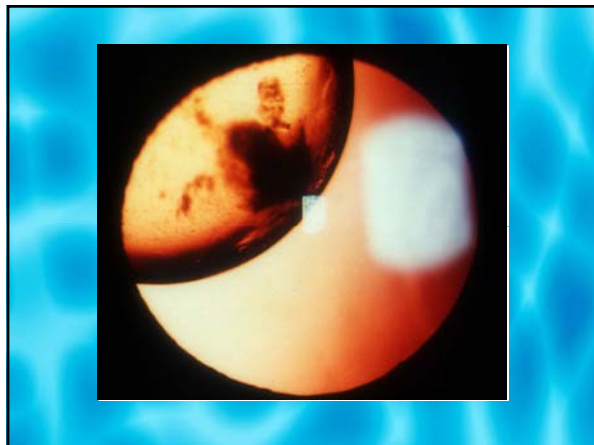
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**Ectopia Lentis et pupillae**

- Autosomal recessive, bilateral
- Lens and pupil displaced oppositely
- Microphakia
- Pupil distortion
- Consanguinity

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### Weill-Marchesani Syndrome

- Consanguinity
- Usually recessive
- Brachydactyly, microspherophakia indep. in pedigree
- Lens decrease 20-25% wt and diameter
- Lens zonules weak (strain vs primary disorder)

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### Weill-Marchesani: Glaucoma

- Anterior lens displacement, pup. block
- Repeated attacks, PAS
- Angle closure worsened by miotic (increase block)
- Contraction of ciliary muscle, lens forward
- Cycloplegia, post. lens movement
- Fully dislocated lens, no effect from miotic

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### Weill-Marchesani Syndrome Bradymorphia-brachydactyly

- Short stature, stubby hands and feet, brachycephaly, microspherophakia
- Immobility of fingers and wrists
- Normal size globe, small lens
- Narrow angle, forward lens displacement
- Secondary myopia
- Lens dislocation common, early

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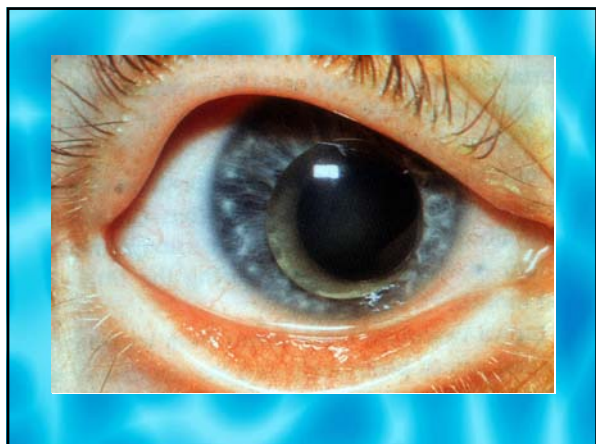
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### Homocystinuria

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- 3 distinct AR disorders
- Increased homocystinuria in blood
- Cystathionine beta synthetase deficiency
- Skeletal, cardiac, ocular abnormalities;
- MR 50%

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### Homocystinuria: Ocular

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- Lens dislocation 90%
- Inferior, inferotemporal
- 1/3 in AC or vitreous
- No zonules, absent accommodation
- Normal angle structures
- Pupillary block glaucoma
- Optic atrophy (platelet dysfunction)

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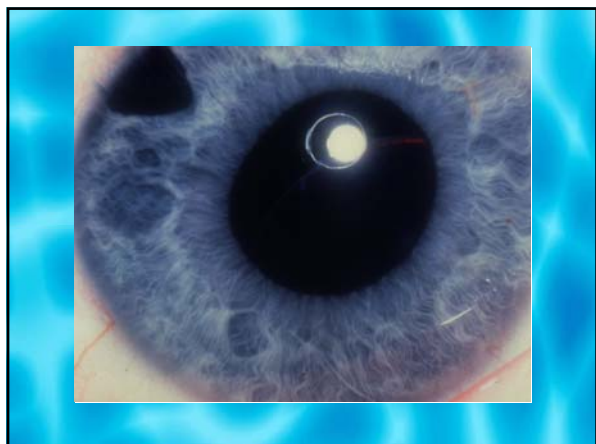
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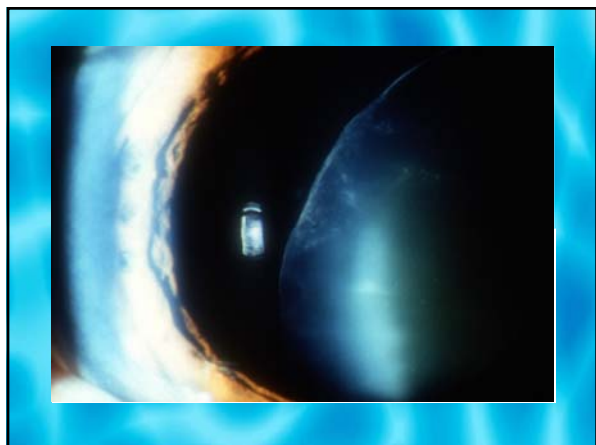
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