

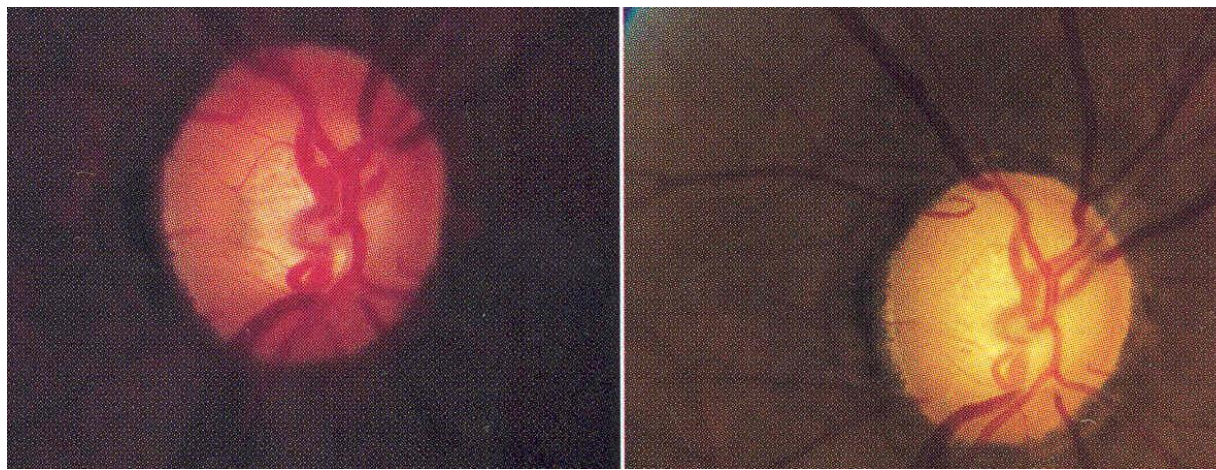
Congenital Glaucoma

World Sight Day 2025
Pediatric Eye Disease Screening

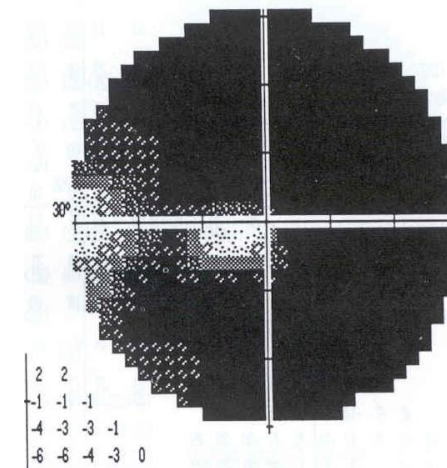
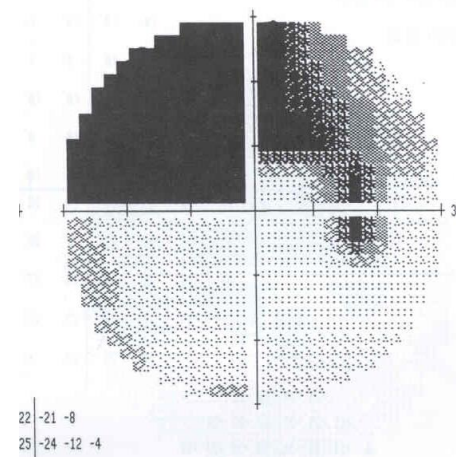
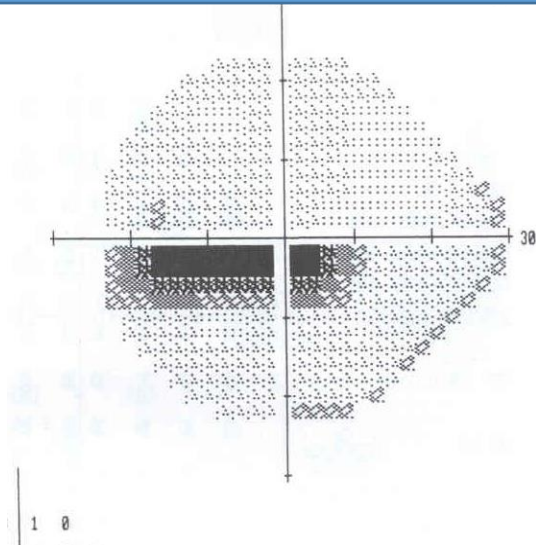
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Glaucoma

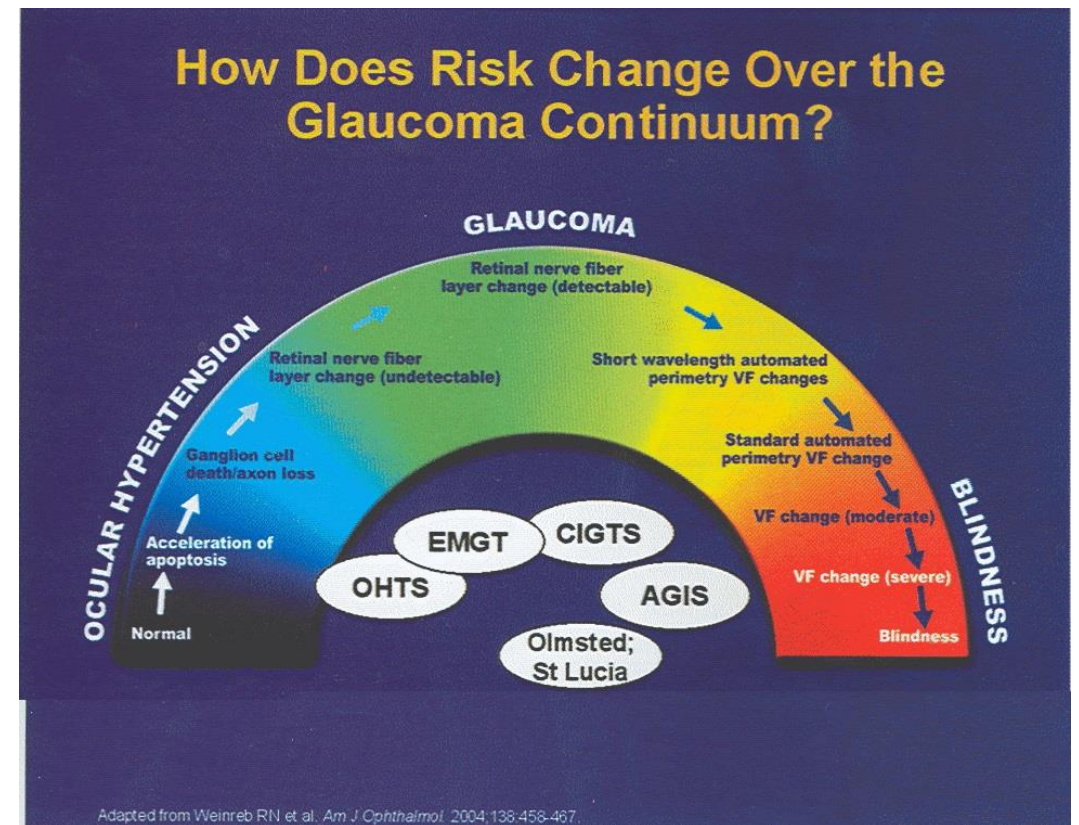
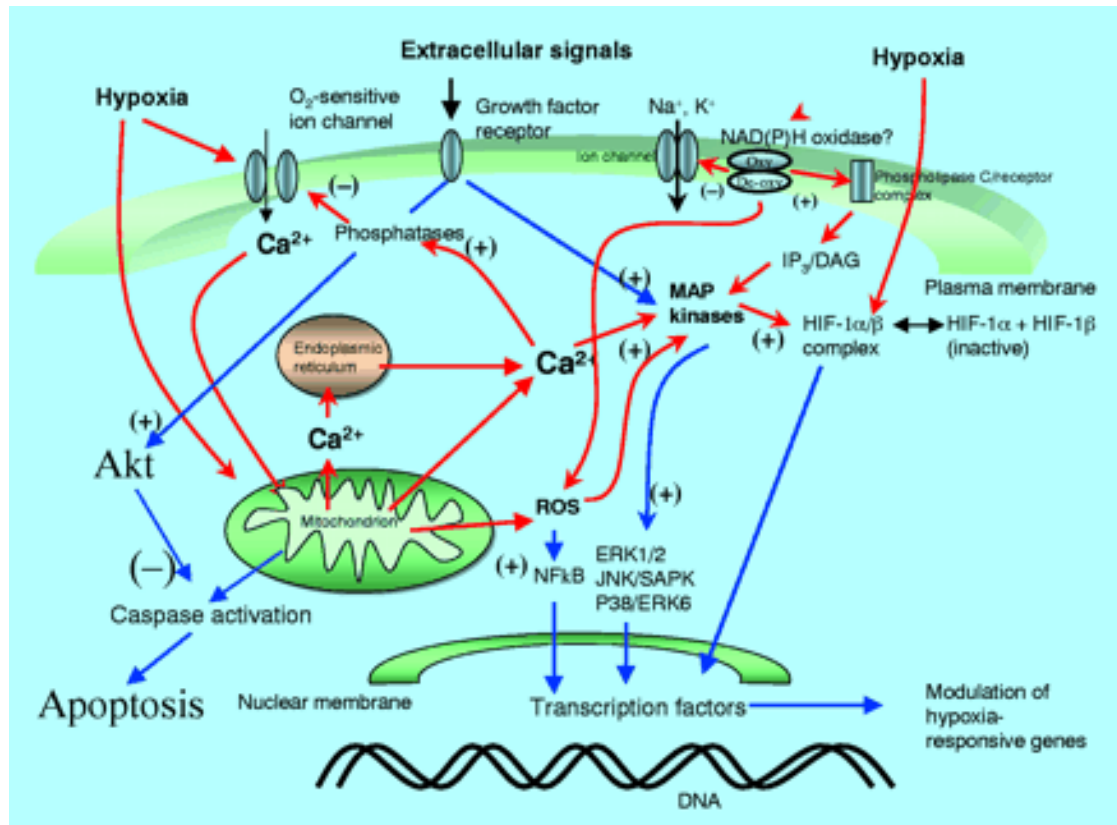
- The leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide
- Glaucoma blindness is preventable
- A lifelong but manageable disease
- Most prevalent in adults over 40 years of age
- Age dependent increase in prevalence



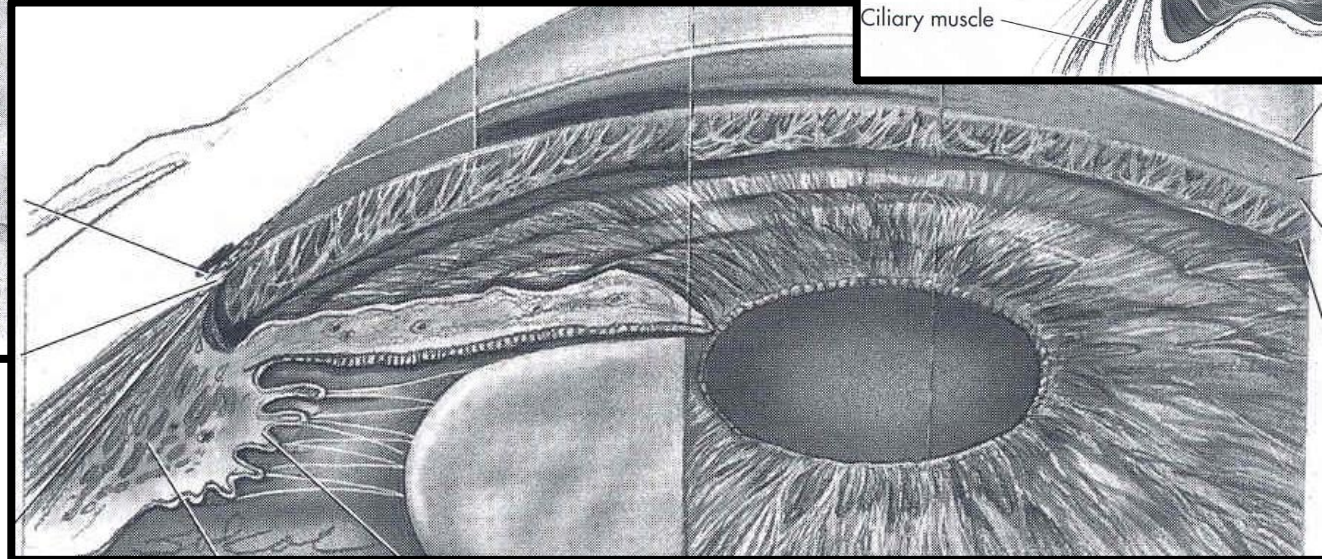
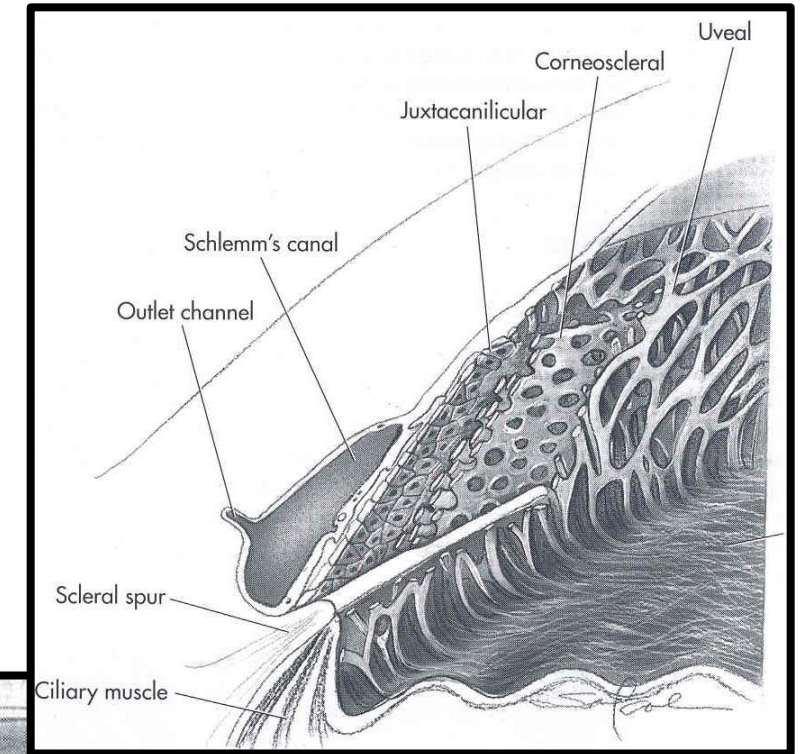
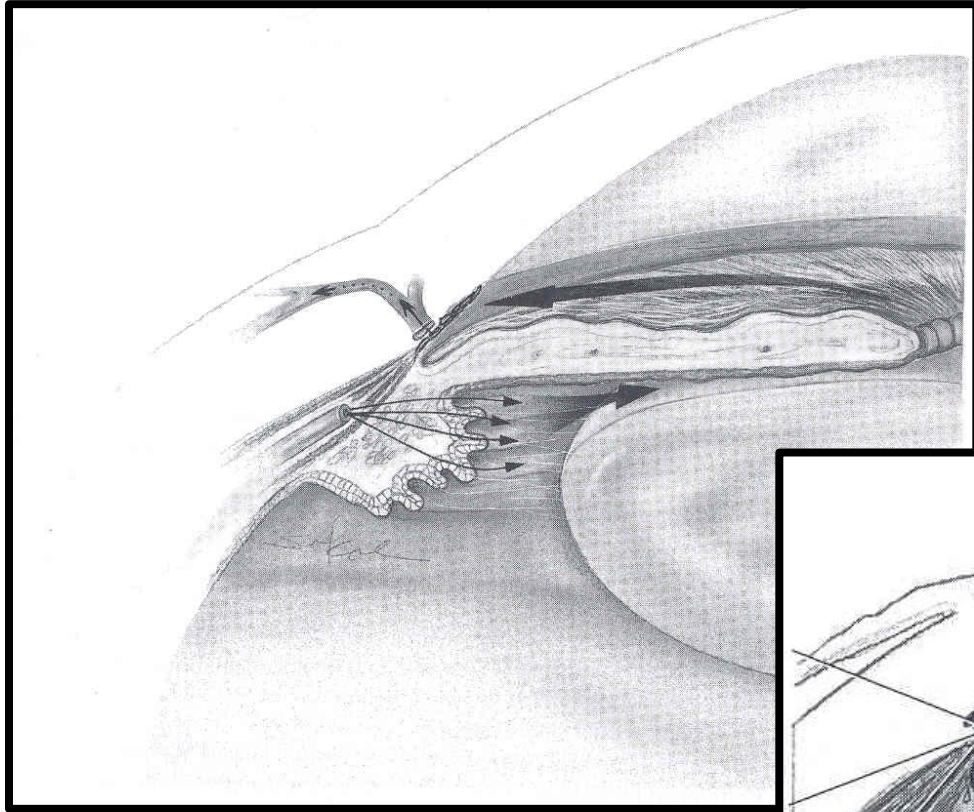
A chronic optic neuropathy with a characteristic pattern of damage leading to loss of visual function.



A multifactorial disease BUT the most well known and preventable risk factor is elevated IOP.



Normal aqueous production and outflow



Childhood glaucoma

By nature, childhood glaucoma is more difficult to treat and entails a worse prognosis; reasons include:

- A
- C
 - More severe structural abnormalities
- D
 - Concomitant ocular or systemic issues
- E
 - Induction of refractive errors and amblyopia
 - Difficulty in diagnosis and challenges in F/U
 - Less ideal response to medications and problems with side effects
 - Less ideal response to surgery due to rapid healing response

Childhood glaucoma (CGRN Criteria)

Primary

Neonatal
25%

Late onset
10%

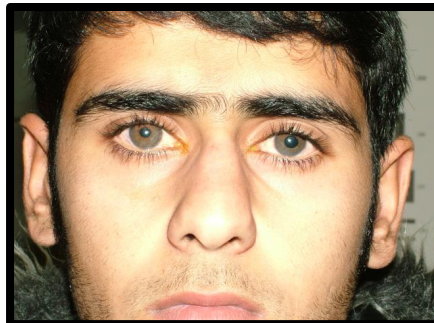
Infantile
65%

Secondary

**Ocular
anomalies**

Prior surgery

**Systemic
conditions**

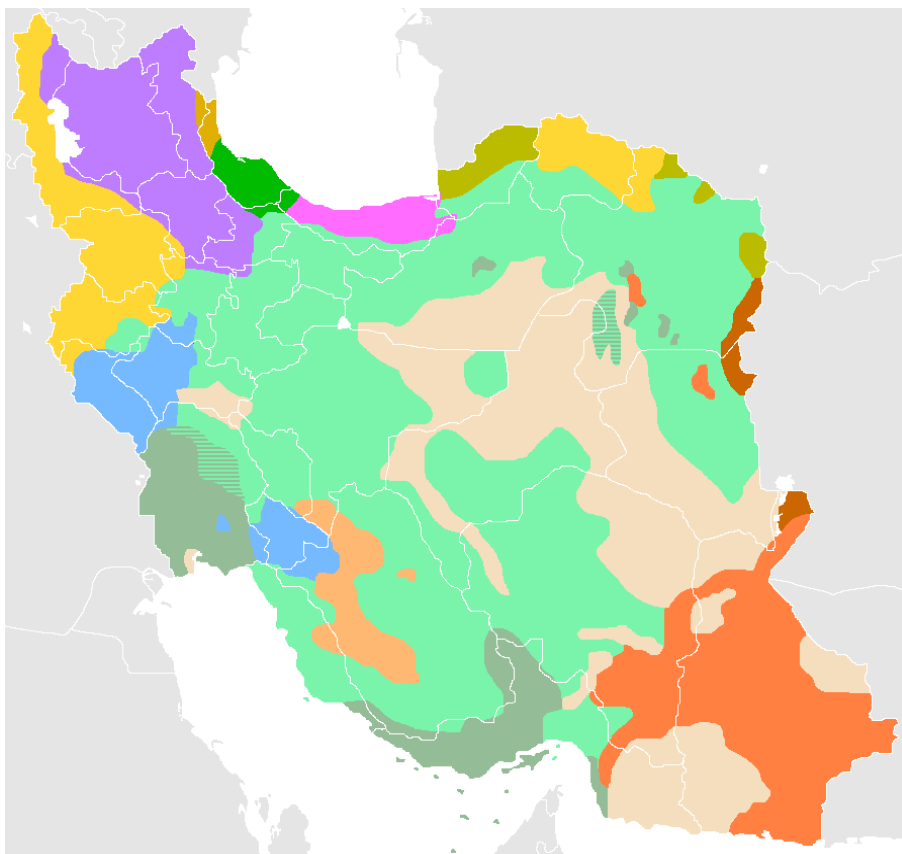


PCG in Iran

- Prevalence:
 - Western countries 1:10,000 : to 1:30,000
 - Middle East: ↑) 1:2,500 due to consanguinity
 - Male predominance
 - Mostly bilateral, although asymmetric cases are reported
 - Probably more severe and earlier onset than in Western countries
- The incidence of PCG in Iran ???
- Burden:
 - %15–70 of blindness in Iranian blind schools

Ethnic constitution in Iran

Persian 51%, Azeri 24%, Gilaki and Mazandarani 8%, Kurd 7%
Arab 3%, Lur 2%, Baloch 2%, Turkmen 2%, other 1%



National Childhood Glaucoma Registry

Childhood Glaucoma Research Network (CGRN) member

- **Collaborating centers:**
 - **SBMU (PI)**
 - **IUMS**
 - **AJUMS**
 - **MUMS**
- - Demographics (age, gender, geography)
- - Clinical parameters (IOP, CDR, corneal clarity)
- - Surgical history, BCVA (LogMAR)
- Data validated by glaucoma specialists

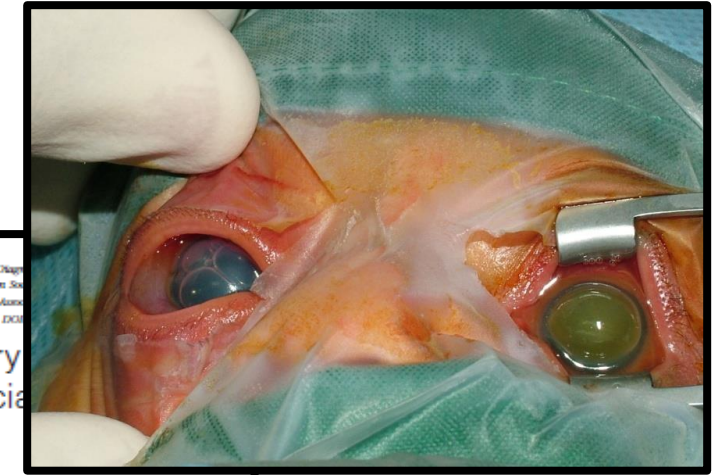
Genetic Background



- PCG is mostly considered an autosomal recessive disorder
- CYP1B1 (and more recently LTBP2) mutations contribute to a variable proportion of the disease
- It occurs more commonly in consanguineous marriages

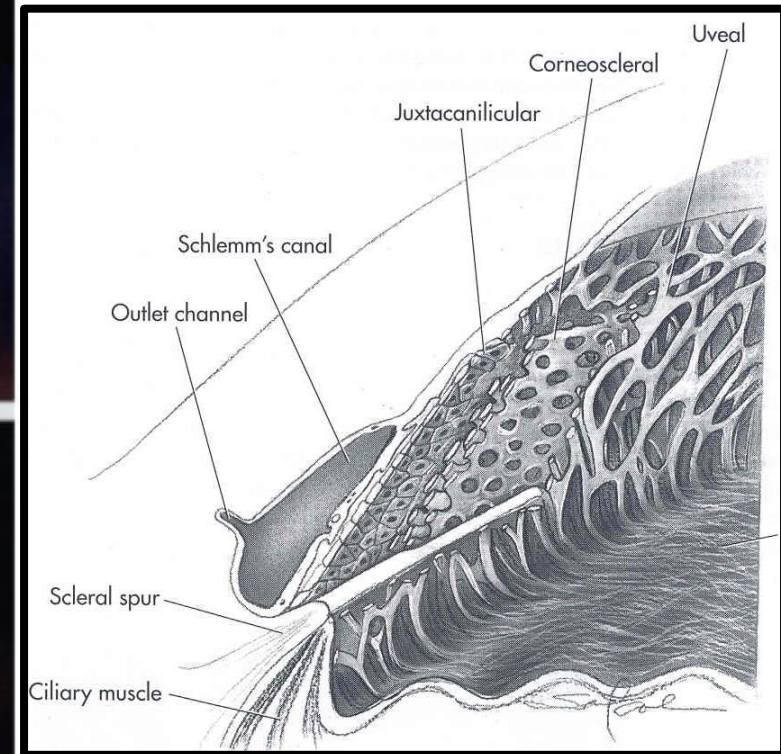
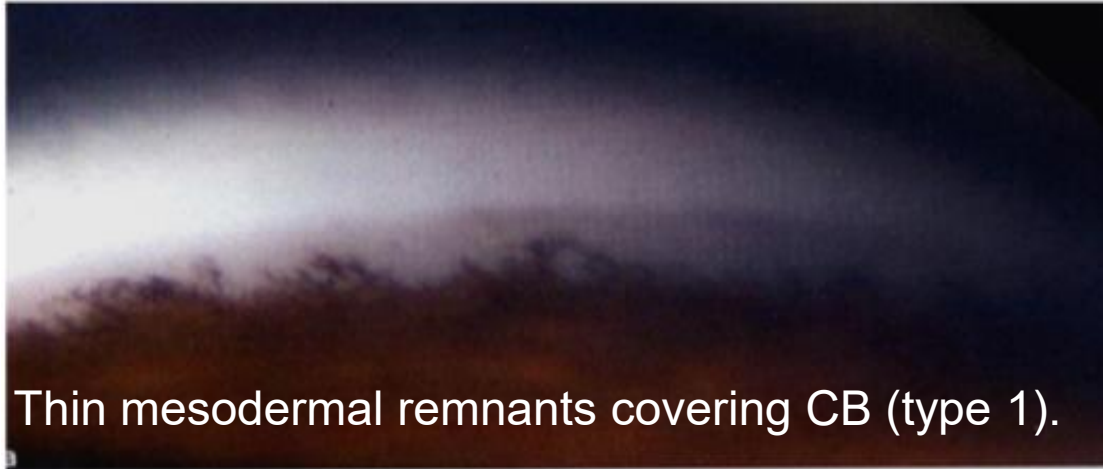
Rate of CYP1B1 mutations in PCG

- Range from 100 to 20%:
 - 100% in Slovakia Roma
 - 90% in Saudi Arabia
 - 50% in Brazil and France
 - 40% in India and Morocco
 - 20% in Japan
 - **70% in Iran**



Spectrum of CYP1B1 among 104 Iranian PCG patients.

Angle dysgenesis in primary congenital glaucoma



Is there a difference among PCG patients with or without *CYP1B1* mutations?

Genotype – Phenotype Correlation?

We assessed genotype-phenotype correlation in a subset of PCG patients with known CYP1B1 mutation profile

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3. **Phenotype and Genotype Correlation in Iranian Primary Congenital Glaucoma Patients.**

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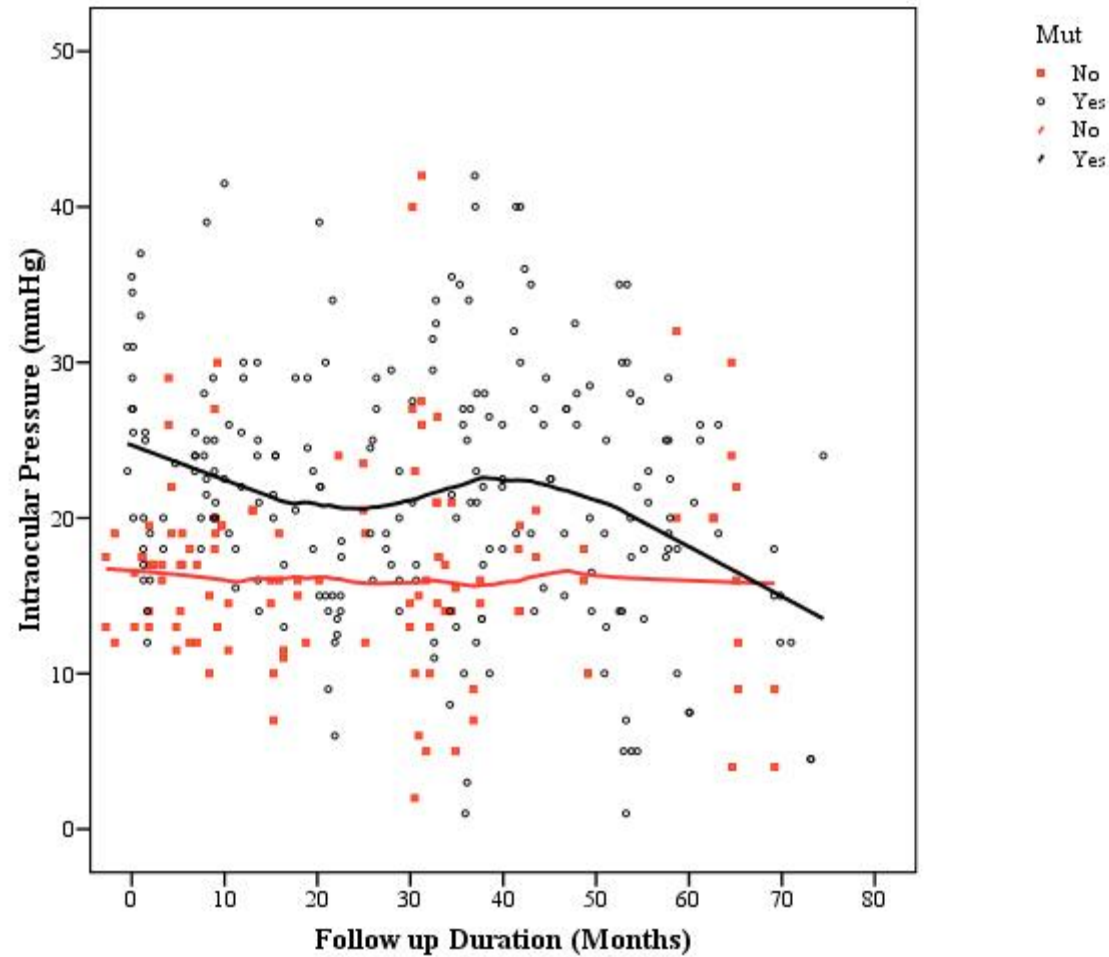
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IOP scatter plot throughout F/U



Is there something more to *CYP1B1*
mutations apart from PCG?

Variable Expressivity and High Penetrance
of *CYP1B1* Mutations Associated with
Primary Congenital Glaucoma

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178 apparently unaffected
family members of 40
unrelated probands

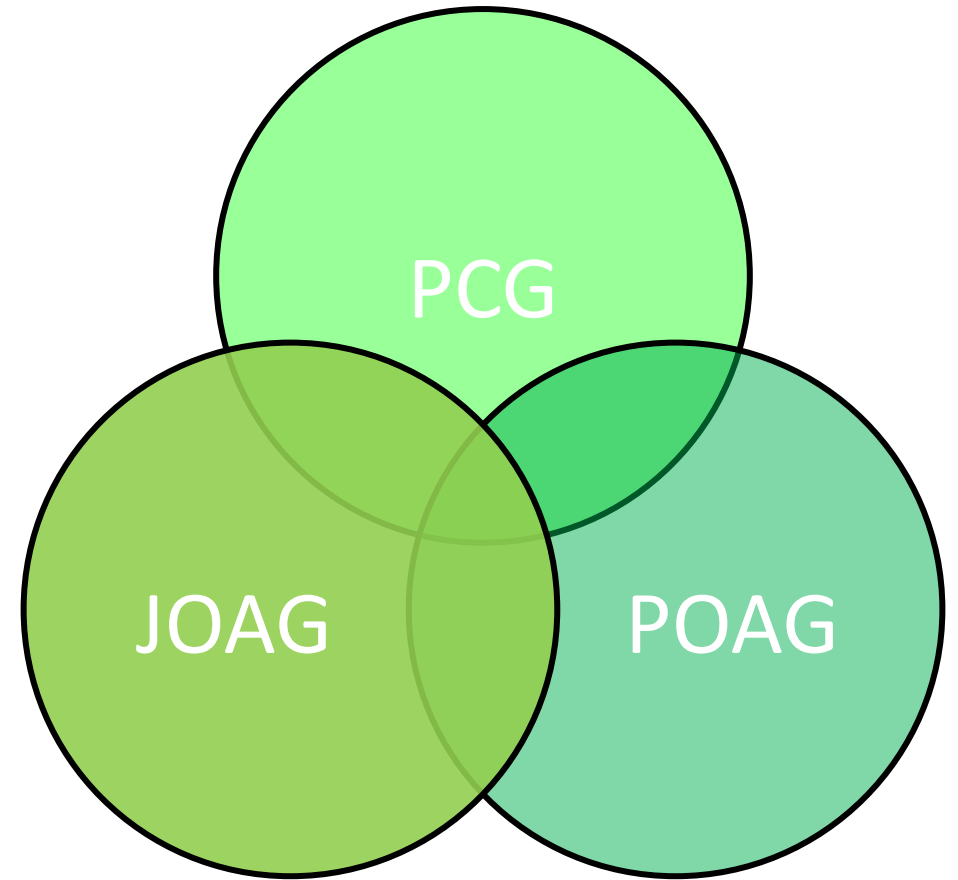
20 subjects carried two
CYP1B1 mutations

14 of 20 “normal”
individuals examined

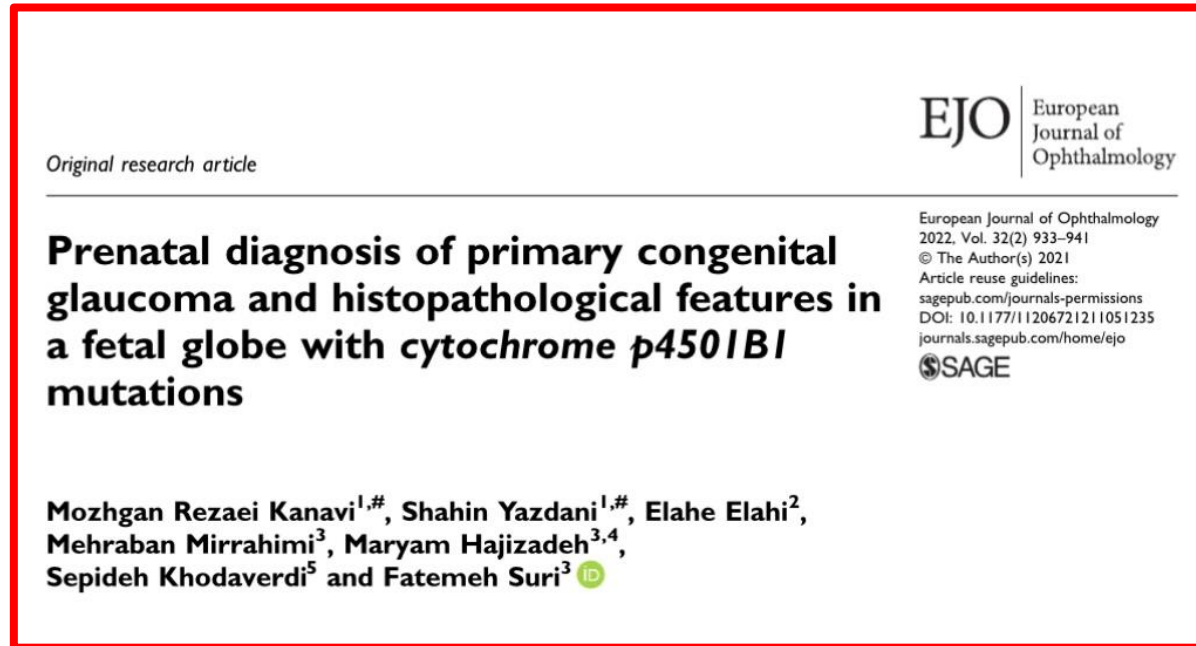
Clinical implication: seemingly unaffected relatives of patients with PCG, particularly those known to harbor *CYP1B1 mutations*, should undergo regular ophthalmologic examination to allow early diagnosis.

Clinical Implications

- The genetic backgrounds of PCG, JOAG and POAG intermingle.
- CYP1B1 mutations are responsible for a wide range of glaucomas presenting from birth to the 6th decade of life, particularly JOAG.
- CYP1B1 mutations are associated with more severe disease in PCG.



The first documented case of prenatal diagnosis for PCG



- Non-related parents
- First child affected with CYP1B1 positive PCG
- Parents very anxious about the second pregnancy
- Strongly insisted on “taking no chances”



Proband



Date of Answer	92/5/6	Reason for Ref	Glaucoma
Patient No		Physician Name	
Name	Erfan Siyahkolahi	Physician Tel	
Age and Sex	Male	Physician Fax	
Tel		Physician e-mail	

Template Type									
X	Blood		CVS		AF		Muscle		Other

Molecular Genetic Methods									
X	PCR		RFLP		ARMS		Southern		Sequencing

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- 1) c.61 G>A (previously reported in literatures)
- 2) c.403 ins.tcattgccacc (previously reported in literatures)

So, the patient may be suffering from this type of glaucoma in compound heterozygote state further investigation is needed to prove it.

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Father



Date of Answer	92/5/28	Reason for Ref	Glaucoma, CYP1B1-related
Patient No		Physician Name	
Name	Mahmoud Siahkolahi	Physician Tel	
Age and Sex	Male	Physician Fax	
Tel		Physician e-mail	

Template Type									
X	Blood		CVS		AF		Muscle		Other

Molecular Genetic Methods									
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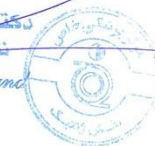
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Mother



Date of Answer	92/5/28	Reason for Ref	Glaucoma, CYP1B1-related
Patient No		Physician Name	
Name	Mahboubeh Naderi	Physician Tel	
Age and Sex	Female	Physician Fax	
Tel		Physician e-mail	

Template Type									
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CVS from fetus

Date of Answer	92/12/7	Reason for Ref	Glaucoma, CYP1B1-related
Patient No		Physician Name	
Name	Mahboubeh Naderi(CVS)	Physician Tel	
Age and Sex		Physician Fax	
Tel		Physician e-mail	

Template Type									
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Signs & Symptoms of Glaucoma In Infancy & Childhood

Symptoms	Signs
Photophobia	Buphthalmos
Epiphora	Corneal enlargement
Blepharospasm	Corneal edema
Red eye	Corneal size asymmetry
Irritability	Breaks in Descemet's membrane
Cloudy cornea	Iris and pupillary abnormalities
Enlarged cornea or eye	Elevated intraocular pressure
Poor vision	Visual impairment
Asymptomatic	Myopia or astigmatism
Irritability	Optic nerve cupping

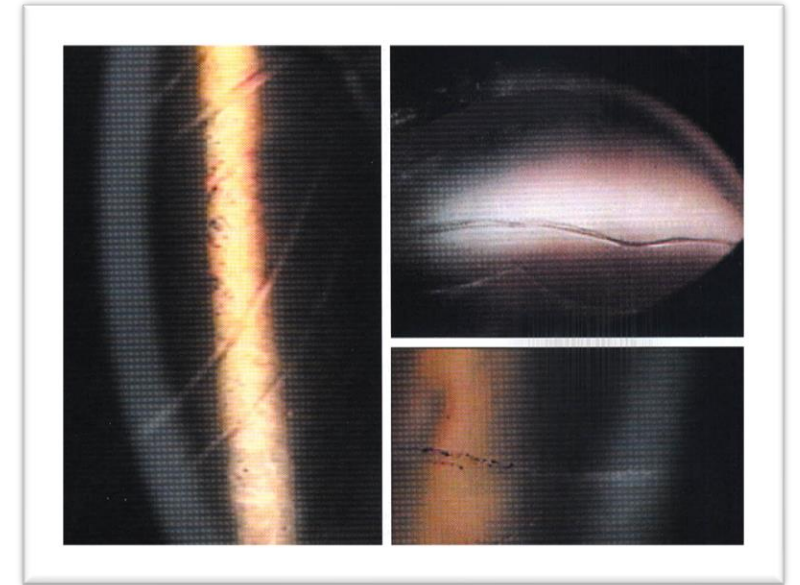
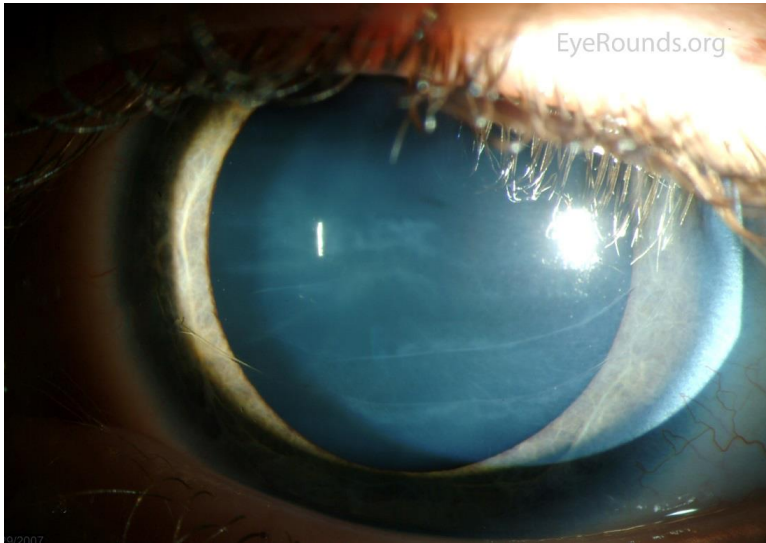


Examination
Under
Anesthesia

Megalocornea / Buphthalmos



Ruptures in Descemet's membrane



Medical Treatment



- Only partially effective, but play an important role as adjunctive treatment but adverse effects should be considered.
- Systemic absorption of eye drops is an important issue, punctal occlusion should be explained.
- Beta blockers entail risks of bradycardia and respiratory depression.
- Metabolic acidosis and hypokalemia are side effects of CAIs.

Prostaglandin analogs

- Latanoprost, Immaturo and Travoprost are systemically safe



CONTRAINDICATED GLAUCOMA MEDICATIONS IN YOUNG CHILDREN



- Alpha-2 agonists (e.g. Brimonidine) are CONTRAINDICATED under age 3Y
- And also relatively contraindicated under age 6Y
- Risk of CNS depression and apnea

Surgical Treatment

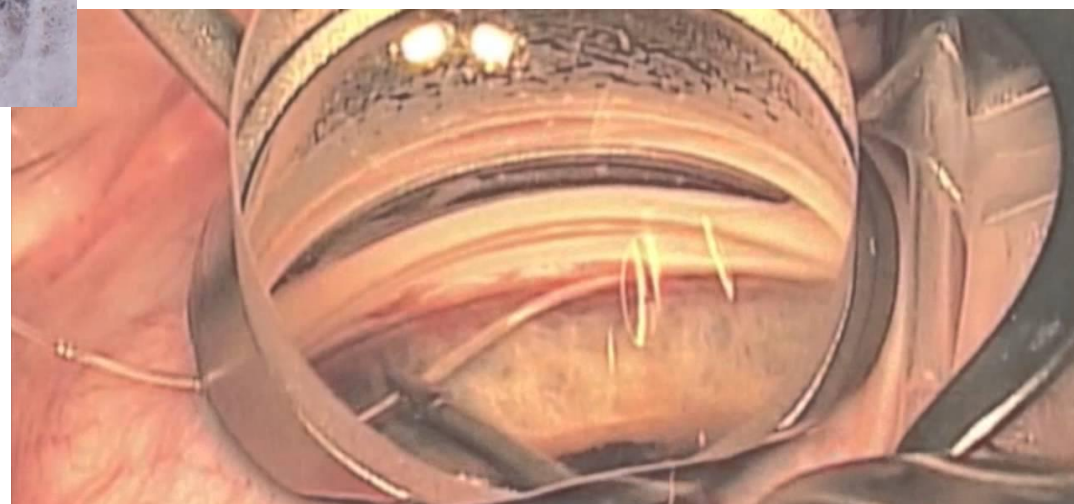
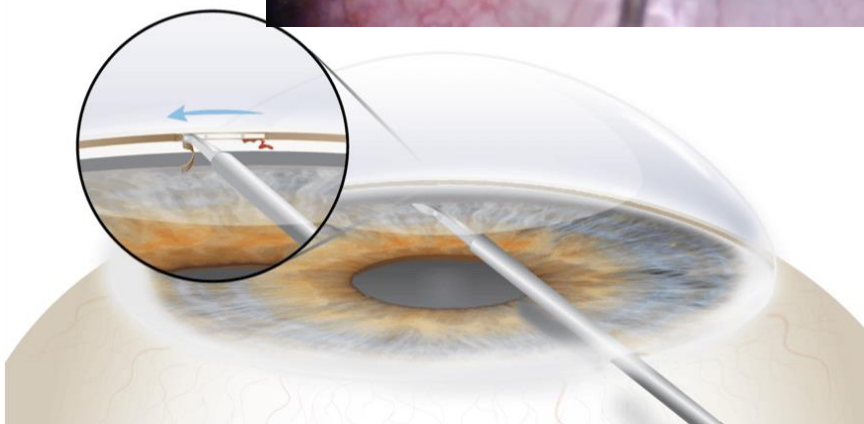
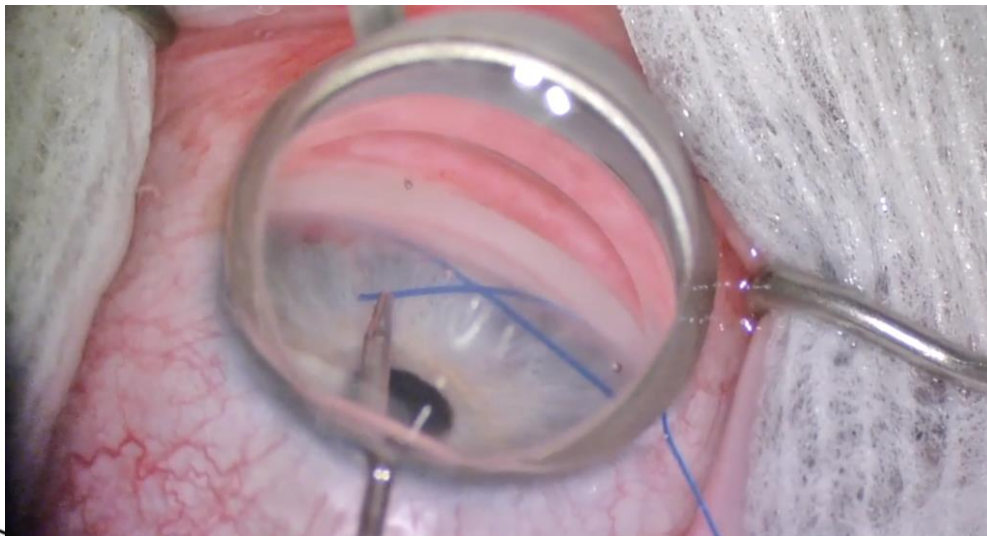
➤ Angle surgery

- Goniotomy
- Trabeculotomy

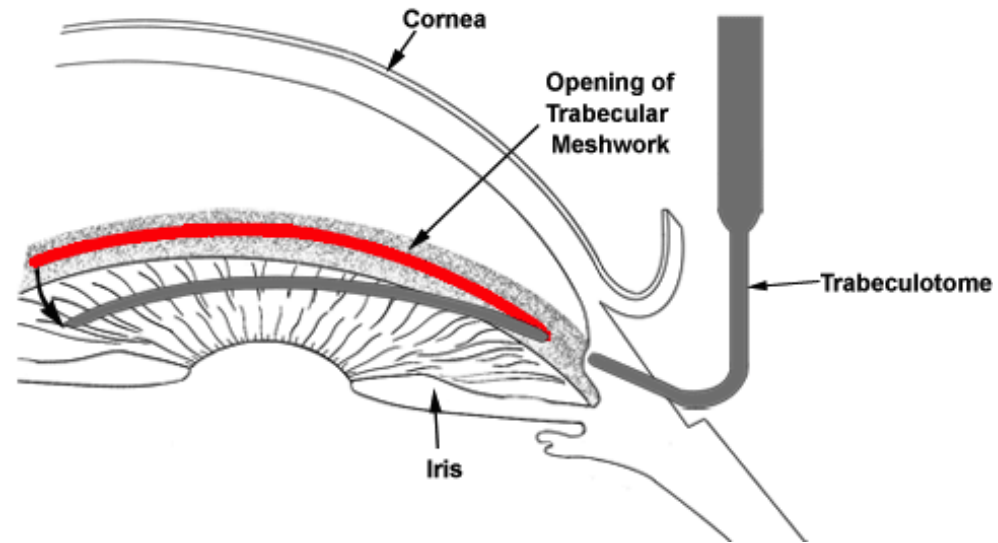
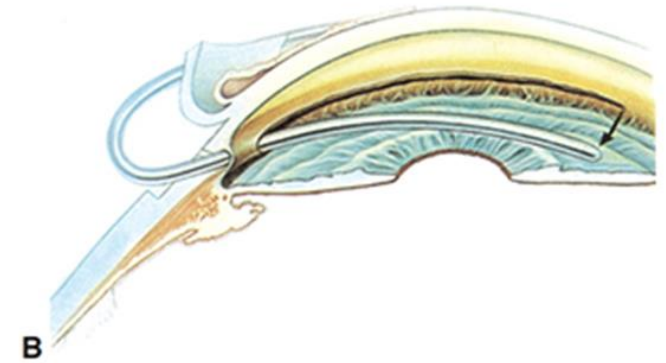
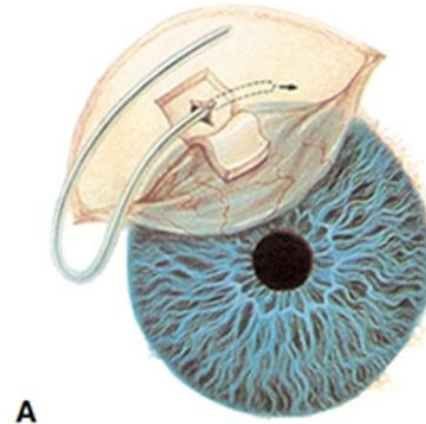
➤ Conventional glaucoma procedures.

- Trabeculectomy
- Drainage implants
- Cyclodestructive procedures

Goniotomy variations



Trabeculotomy



Take Home Message

- **Be aware of and screen** for childhood glaucoma.
- The most common variant of the condition is **PCG**.
- Refer any patients with **systemic disorders associated with glaucoma**.
- Key features include **cloudy/large corneas**.
- **Consanguineous marriage and positive family history** of glaucoma are red flags.

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