TRAUMATIC EYEMERGENCIES

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OBJECTIVES/GOALS



- Review the ways ocular trauma can affect the eye
- Learn how to diagnosis and manage the complications associated with ocular trauma
- Learn emergent and urgent surgical options

OCULAR TRAUMA

- ~2.4 million traumatic eye injuries occur/year
- 75% all trauma occur in men
- Most often in 15-20 yos
- Mostly related to outdoor activities
- ~15% work-related
- 70% Closed Globe
- · Over 70% VA>20/40



Crumpton KL. Ocular Trauma: A Quick, Illustrated Guide to Treatment, Triage, and Medicolegal Implications. Emerg Med J; Nov. 1997.

YOU'RE A DOCTOR...YOU GOT THIS!

- It is the responsibility of the initial eye care provider to identify serious ocular conditions and to initiate appropriate care and/or referral
- The care rendered frequently determines that patient's ultimate visual outcome
- What you do and how you handle the situation may save the patient's sight or life

MEDICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES

- Trauma accounts for ~3-4% of all ophthalmological malpractice lawsuits
- Malpractice lawsuits require negligence that resulted in damage/injury
- When patients feel they have been harmed, neglected or deliberately lied to, they sue
- People don't sue whom they like...so listen, show empathy and follow up

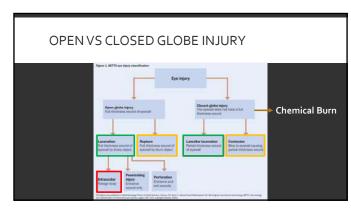
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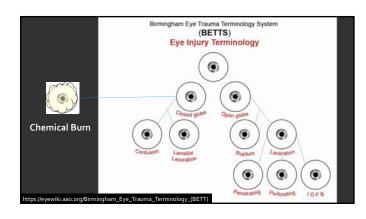
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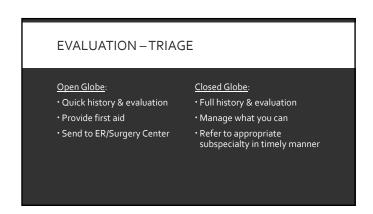
• Train staff to triage well • Be likeable and communicate well • Document compulsively • Treat/refer patients in a timely manner • Explain potential risks & long-term sequelae • Follow up with patient • Don't criticize other health professionals











EVALUATION

- · Stabilize the patient, then stabilize the eye
- Will have to do things that patient will not like/uncomfortable
- Full evaluation may need general anesthesia at ER/Surgery Center
- Don't do testing that could worsen the situation
- ie Applanation tonometry with perforated cornea
- More intraocular damage = less intraorbital or orbital damage and vice versa

SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION

- General Medical Observation:
- · Cranio-Orbital shape
- · Adnexal/Conjunctival bruising/bleeding
- Globe shape
- Globe position in orbit (proptosis, enopthalmos, hypoglobus)
- Foreign objects
- Systemic findings (smell, hearing, facial mvmt/sensation)

SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION

- BCVA and APD testing are crucial for:
- Diagnosis
- Management
- Prognosis
- MedicolegalComparison at follow-ups
- Can use topical anesthetic, but in general avoid until after assessment
- If unable, document reason

SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION

- Confrontation Fields restrictions
- Retinal detachments or neurological damage
- IOP elevated or asymmetric
- · Angle recession or hyphema
- EOMs diplopia, limited range or pain during eye movement
- EOM entrapment or orbital compartment syndrome
- Don't forget the posterior segment
- May need B-scan to evaluate

ASSESSMENT/PLAN

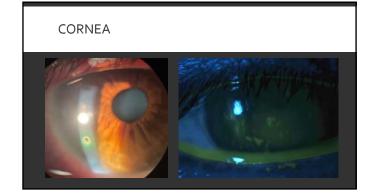
- Treat & Monitor
- Double-check allergies before treatment
- · Don't initiate treatment that will affect cultures
- Refer to APPROPRIATE provider
- Specify timeline
- · Follow up!



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HISTORY – FOREIGN BODY

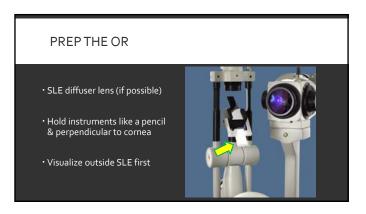
- Onset (date/time if possible)
- Type of material (occur at work)
- · Relieving factors
- Photophobia
- Pain on blink or eye movement



CONJUNCTIVA • Check all quadrants!

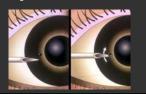






FOREIGN BODY REMOVAL

- Remove with instrument, forceps, sterile sponge, needle, etc
- Remove rust ring if present (alger brush)
- Create smooth edges for corneal healing (diamond burr)
- · Conjunctiva grows back quickly
- Prophylactic antibiotic
- · Bandage contact lens
- Steroids?



CHEMICAL BURNS

HISTORY - CHEMICAL BURN

- Onset (date/time if possible)
- Situation at time of injury (occur at work)
- Type of chemical?
- Product packaging information?
- · Contact lens wearer?
- Flushed eye yet? How long and with what?

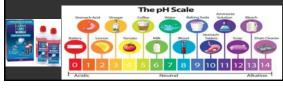
CHEMICAL BURN

- Prognosis dependent on:Toxicity of chemical
- · How long it was on the eye
- Amount area involved
- Depth of penetration

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W	Poor	Cornea opeque, iris and pupil obscured		
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Grade	Progressis	Clinical findings	Conjunctiva Involvement	Analogue Scale*
	Very good	8 clock hours of limital involvement	9%	2/0%
	Good	4.3 clock hours of limbel involvement	130%	8.1-8/1-29.95
	Good	Between 3-6 clock hours of Imital Involvement	30-50%	314/8148%
	Good to guarded	Between 6-5 clock hours of limitel involvement	56-75%	6.1-9/50-75
	Quarted to poor	Between 5 and 13 clock hours of limital involvement	75-100%	93-11.9/75-1
	Very poor	Total Imbus (IZ clock hours) Impointed	Total conjunctive (330%) involved	12/100%

CHEMICAL BURN

- Acidic (low pH) car batteries, glass polish, vinegar, nail polish remover • Sulfuric/sulfurous acid, hydrofluoric acid, acetic acid
- · Basic/Alkali (high pH) cleaning agents, fertilizers, plaster, cement · Bleach, ammonia, lye, magnesium hydroxide, hydrated lime



CHEMICAL BURN - ACID

- Surface proteins bind to acid molecules (neutralizing the acid)
- Causes coagulative necrosis (creating a barrier)
- Generally less harmful than alkali (except hydrofluoric acid)



HYDROFLUORIC ACID???



CHEMICAL BURN – ALKALI (BASIC)

- · Lipophilic (likes fat)
- Saponification of fatty acids on cell membrane
- Causes rapid penetration, destroying proteoglycans and collagen



CHEMICAL BURN - IRRITANTS

- pH not too far from neutral
- Usually causes more pain than damage
- · Most household cleaners, pepper spray, chlorinated pools

MANAGEMENT - BEFORE ARRIVING

Via Phone Triage:

- Copiously flush the eye x 15min (eyewash station, shower, sink)
- Longer chemical contact time, the more damage will occur
- Open eyes as wide as possible
- Bring chemical/info



MANAGEMENT - IN-OFFICE

- Copiously flush the eye (~15min)
- Test with litmus paper (pH level 6-8)
- · Clean lids well
- Debride necrotic tissue



MANAGEMENT (BASED ON ROPER-HALL)

Grade I:

- Perseverative-free ATs
- Oral pain meds (ibuprofen/acetaminophen)
- · Cycloplegia (cyclogyl tid)
- Steroids (pred qid)
- Antibiotics (erythromycin ung)
- RTC every other day until healed

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MANAGEMENT

<u>Grade II-IV</u>: (Add/Change Grade 1 treatments)

- · Cycloplegia (atropine bid)
- Steroids (pred q1hr or durezol 6x/day)
- Antibiotics (moxifloxacin tid)
- Doxycycline 50mg bid
- Amniotic membrane
- Topical/oral high-dose Vitamin A*
- RTC daily

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COMPLICATIONS

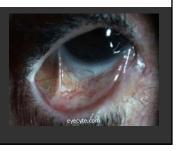
- · Limbal stem cell deficiency
- · Limits epithelial healing
- · Conjunctivalization*
- Tx: Increase steroids
- Sx: Limbal stem cell transplant
- Stromal involvement
- Permanently scarred
- Monitor for progressive melt
- Sx: Transplant



Feizi, Sepehr. (2017). Corneal Angiogenesis: Etiologi Complications, and Management. 20.5772/66713.

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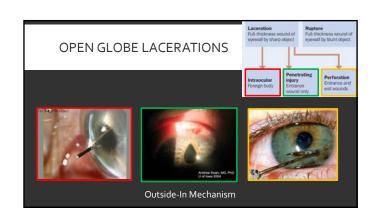
- Symblepharon
- Affects eye movement, lid closure/misdirection
- Tx: Removal with amniotic membrane

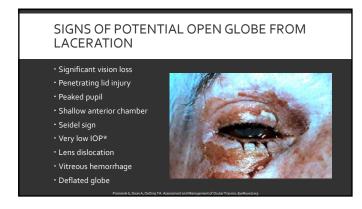


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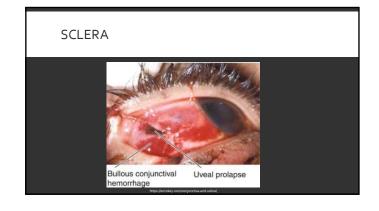
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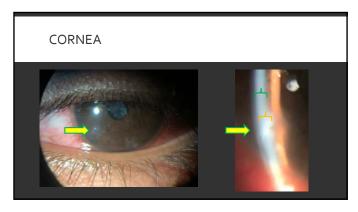
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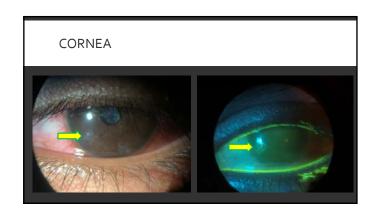


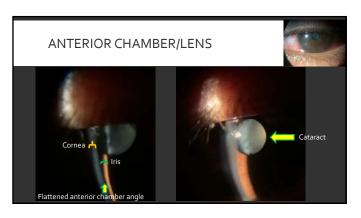


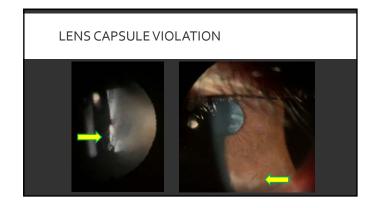
• Quick history • Evaluation based on extent of damage, pain • DO NOT check pressures, put pressure on eye (B-scan), motility • Don't dilate

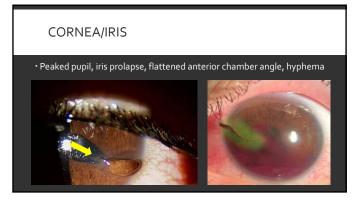


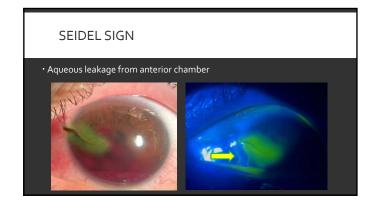




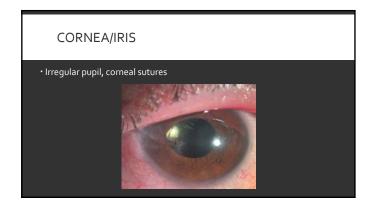


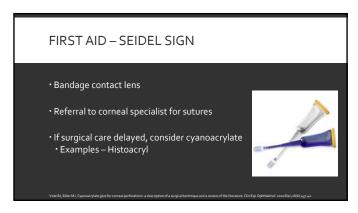








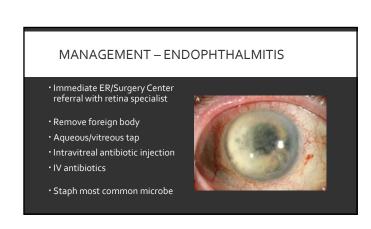


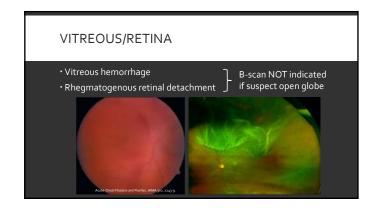


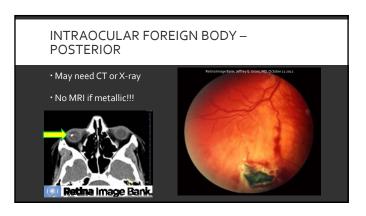




Hypopyon – dense accumulation of neutrophils and fibrin Endopthalmitis – severe inflammation (infection) in the anterior/posterior segment Staph most common microbe

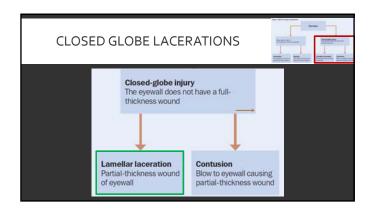






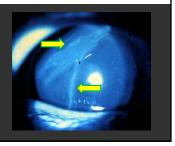
MANAGEMENT

- Provide first aid
- Place shield over eye (not a patch)
- · Can administer anti-nausea and pain medicines
- Immediate referral to ER/Surgery Center
- · Aqueous/vitreous tap
- Intravitreal antibiotic injection
- IV antibiotics



CORNEA

- · Loose epithelium
- Evaluate how deep it penetrated
- Must rule out corneal penetration
- Epithelium grows back with time
- Stromal damage results in permanent scarring

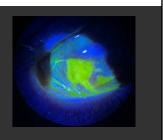


MANAGEMENT

- Debride loose epithelium
- · Bandage contact lens
- · Cycloplegia In-office vs Rx based on size & pain
- Prophylactic topical antibiotics
- · Topical/oral pain medications

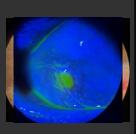
CONJUNCTIVA/SCLERA

- Chemosis
- Subconjunctival hemorrhage
- Must rule out underlying scleral penetration
- Move conjunctive with surgical sponge
- · Look at corresponding retina



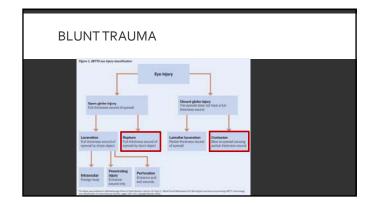
CONJUNCTIVAL LACERATION MANAGEMENT

- If small, monitor without treatment
- If large, referral for conjunctival sutures
- In-office cycloplegia
- Prophylactic topical antibiotics
- Topical/oral pain medications
- $\cdot \ \, \text{If delayed care, consider cyanoacrylate} \\$
- Examples Histoacryl



SCLERAL LACERATION MANAGEMENT

- Place shield over eye (not a patch)
- Topical/oral pain medications
- Urgent referral for scleral sutures
- If surgical care delayed, consider cyanoacrylate Examples Histoacryl
- Prophylactic topical antibiotics



HISTORY – BLUNT TRAUMA

- Onset (date/time if possible)
- Situation at time of injury (occur at work)
- Relieving factors
- Pain on eye movement
- Prior ocular/facial surgeries

Be careful taking history through others (abuse?)

• Headache

Decreased facial sensation

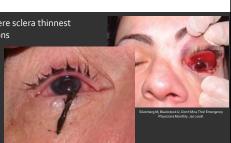
• Double vision (diplopia)

(hypoesthesia) or ringing in ear

OPEN GLOBE RUPTURE Inside-Out Mechanism

OPEN GLOBE RUPTURE

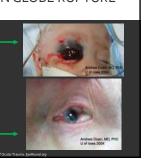
- Tears occur where sclera thinnest
- EOMs insertions
- Optic nerve
- ·Limbus
- Prior sx



SIGNS OF POTENTIAL OPEN GLOBE RUPTURE

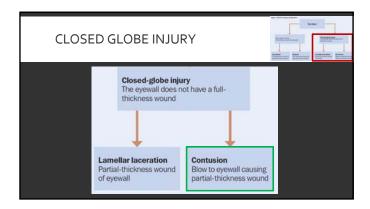
- · Significant vision loss
- · Bullous subconjunctival hemorrhage
- · Seidel sign

- · Vitreous hemorrhage
- · Deflated Globe

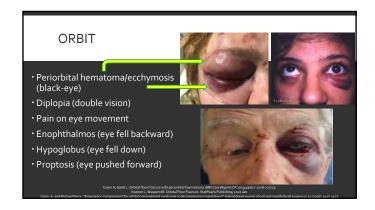


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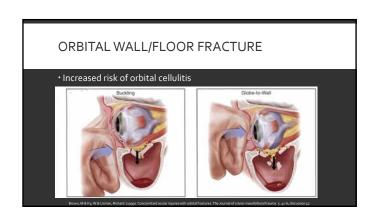
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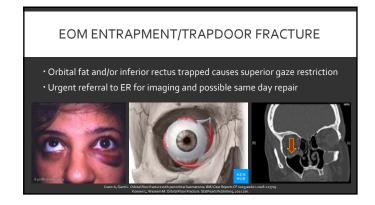


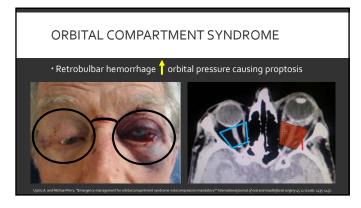
SYSTEMIC EVALUATION Decreased facial mymt/sensation/hearing — orbital/temporal bone fracture CSF (cerebrospinal fluid) in nose or ears — basilar (base) skull fracture Immediate ER referral (meningitis)

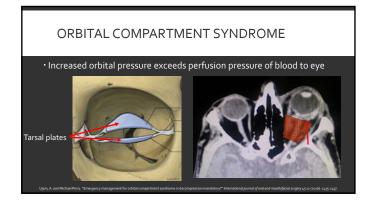


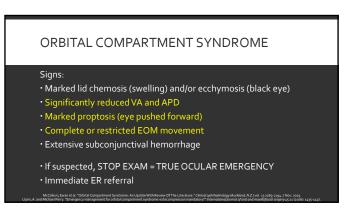
PERIORBITAL HEMATOMA/ECCHYMOSIS Palpate (feel) Crepitus (sound) – orbital emphysema (trapped air) sinus fracture/medial wall fracture Advise patient NOT to blow their nose or valsalva maneuvers! Urgent referral to ER for imaging and possible same day repair

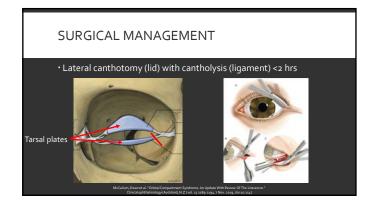




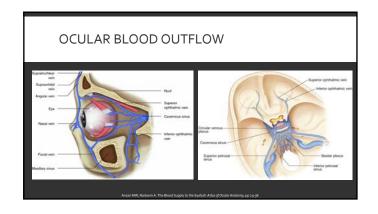


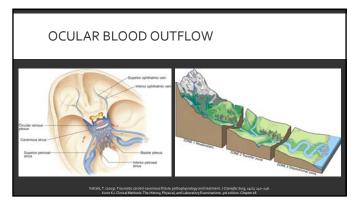


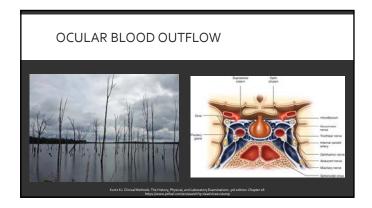


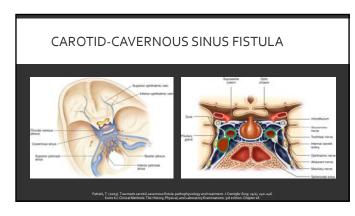


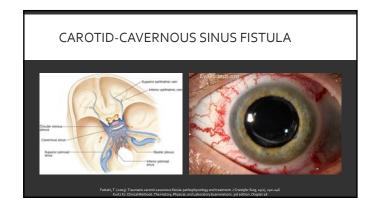


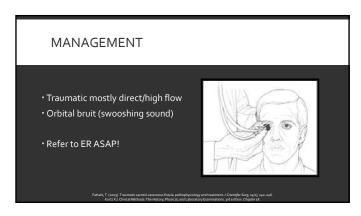


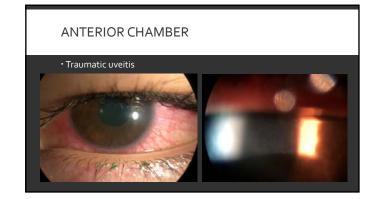




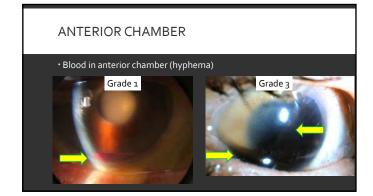


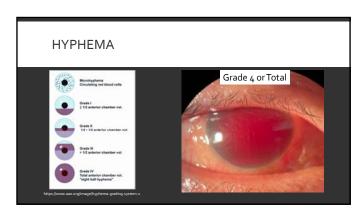




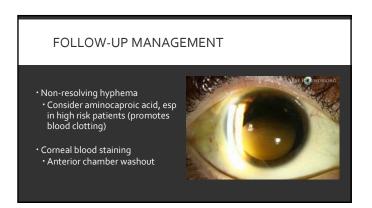


MANAGEMENT Topical cycloplegia (cyclo bid-tid) Topical steroids (pred qid) Aqueous suppressants if elevated IOP





MANAGEMENT • Most resolve < 5 days • Head elevation at 30 degrees • No strenuous activities • Topical steroids and cycloplegics for traumatic uveitis • Rx topical aqueous suppressants if IOP elevated • Consider oral diamox if not responding • Avoid AA/CAIs/hyperosmotics in sickle cell patients • No NSAIDs or aspirin (ASA)



MANAGEMENT - SURGICAL

- Paracentis with drainage for uncontrolled IOP
- Anterior chamber washout for total hyphema and/or corneal blood staining



MANAGEMENT

- Wait 1-2 weeks after resolution to evaluate extent of damage • Gonioscopy for angle recession
- High association with angle recession
- ~20% develop angle recession glaucoma

ANGLE

- Tear between longitudinal & circular fibers of ciliary muscle (angle recession)
- Detachment between ciliary body and sclera (cyclodialysis)





ANGLE RECESSION (GLAUCOMA)

- · Angle recession can affect IOP outflow days, months, years later
- Greater extent of damage (>180) = higher risk
- Unilateral secondary angle recession glaucoma, not POAG
- Aqueous suppressants, prostaglandin (later)

IRIS/CILIARY BODY

- Detachment of iris from sclera (iridodialysis)
- Iris vibrates on eye movement 2' lens (iridonesis)
- Detachment of ciliary body from sclera (cyclodialysis)





IRIS

• Iris sphincter tears

