

BASIC ANATOMY AND PHYSICLOGY

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EMBRYOLOGY OF THE EYE

- This highly specialized sensory organ is derived from neural ectoderm, mesoderm and surface ectoderm.
- The eye is essentially an outgrowth from the brain (neural ectoderm).
- Started as *Optic vesicle* connected to the forebrain by *Optic stalk*.

EMBRYOLOGY (cont.)

- Invagination of both the optic vesicle to form Optic cup and the optic stalk to form Choroidal fissure inferiorly.
- Surface ectoderm invaginate to form the lens vesicle.
- Mesodermal tissues invade the developing eye to share in vascular, muscular and supportive tissues of the eye.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE EYE AFTER BIRTH

- At birth, the eye is relatively large in relation to the rest of the body.
- The eye reaches full size by the age of 8 years.
- The lens continues to enlarge throughout the life.
- The iris has a bluish color due to little or no pigment on the anterior surface.
- During early infant life, the cornea & sclera can be stretched by raised IOP → enlargement of the eye.



THE ORBIT

- As a socket, contains & protect the eye.
- The weakest parts are the floor & the medial wall.
- Seven bones contribute the bony orbit.
- Surrounded by nasal sinuses.
- Important openings are:
 - Optic foramen.
 - Superior orbital fissure.
 - Inferior orbital fissure.

















THE EXTRAOCULAR MUSCLES

Four recti & two oblique muscles. All are supplied by Oculomotor n. except superior oblique (Trochlear n.) & lateral rectus (Abducent n.).



Lateral View Eyebrow Levator Skull palpebrae 20,1 Superior superioris Periorbital fat Skull muscle rectus chiasm muscle Pituitary gland Optic nerve Cornea Trochlea Eyelid -Eyelash Field Medial rectusmuscle Inferior rectus muscle Superior oblique muscle rain





3rd, 4th, 6th cranial nerves

Attachment of eye muscles:



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Innervation & action of eye muscles:





Deduction of action from muscle attachment (E.g.: SR)

(View from above)





Innervation & action of eye muscles:



Person to look medially & down

head, from above



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- When eye is adducted:
 SO is almost a pure depressor (IV n.)
- IO is almost a pure elevator (III n.) They pull through the centre



When eye is abducted:
SR is almost a pure elevator
IR is almost a pure depressor *They pull through the centre*

Hence for clinical test :

• SO • IO

• SR

• IR

Direction to look Down and in Up and in Up and out Down and out

How does SO (4th n.) pull the eyeball ?

Person to look laterally & down

 \mathbf{O}

head, from above



this part of SO is tendinous WHK CUHK 98






The Visual Pathway

Visual Pathway: Three neurons 1. Bipolar cell, lies within the retina. 2. Ganglion cell, synapse in lateral geniculate body. 3. Third neuron terminates in visual cortex.



THE EYELIDS

They provide a protective covering for the eye.

The lids are closed by Orbicularis oculi muscle (Facial n.) and opened with Levator palpebrae muscle (Oculomotor n.), Muller's muscle (Sympathetic supply) & Lower lid retractors.





SAGITAL SECTION OF UPPER LID FREE MARGIN

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Zeiss Gland

- 1. Epidennis.
- 2. Dennis with papillae.
- 3. Cross-section of orbicular fascicles.
- 4. Submuscular cell tissue.
- 5. Tarsus.
- Meiboman glands- Modified sebaceous glands (25:30 in upper lid, and 20:25 in lower one), which consist of a straight duct with numerous small lateral alweoi.
- 7. Palpebral conjunctiva.

- 8. Hair
- 9. Eyelash.
- 10. Zeiss glands. Sebaceous glands adjoining the eyelashes and lid hairs.
- 11. Pilous Ioliicie.
- 12. Moll glands. Sweat glands adjoining the eyelashes.
- 13. Cross-section of Riolan's muscle fascicle.
- 14. Internal arterial arch.

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Moll Gland Meibomian Gland

CONJUNCTIVA

Three parts:

- Bulbar conjunctiva.
- 2. Palpebral conjunctiva.
- B. Forniceal conjunctiva.
- The stroma (no adenoid tissues until 3 months after birth).
- Follicles & Papillae.
- Injection and chemosis.
- Limbus.













THE LACRIMAL APPARATUS

- Lacrimal gland secrets tears into the upper fornix of the conjunctival sac which are spread over the surface of the cornea as a tear film by blinking of the lids.
- Tears accumulate at the inner canthus and drain into the lacrimal sac via the puncta & canaliculi.
- The sac is continuous inferiorly with the nasolacrimal duct which opens into the nasal cavity just beneath the inferior turbinate.









THE EYE (GLOBE)

Two spheres with different radii:

- Cornea, window of the eye.
- Sclera, opaque shell.

*** The eye measures approximately
24 mm in all its main diameters.



The coats of the eye

*** Three layers:

The outer: inelastic coat, transparent cornea and opaque sclera.

The middle, vascular coat, The Uvea:

choroid, ciliary body and iris.

The inner: The Retina, extends forwards to within 6 mm of the limbus.





The Chambers of The Eye

*** Three optically clear spaces:

- The anterior chamber, in front of the iris
- The posterior chamber, immediately behind the iris. These two chambers which communicate through the pupil are filled with clear aqueous humour.
- The vitreous cavity: filled by gel-like structure, The Vitreous.





The Lens

The crystalline lens is the only structure continuously growing throughout the life.
Changeable refractive media.

- Capsule, epithelium and lens fibers.
- Congenital anomalies and effect of systemic diseases.
- Cataract.









Retina and Vitreous

- Vitreous attachment.
- Optic nerve head, macula, fovea, retinal background, Ora serrata, and retinal vasculature.
- Effect of systemic diseases.
- Retinal detachment.














Optics of the Eye

The eye is like a camera. Light must have a clearly pathway to be clearly focused on the sensory receptors of the retina, i.e., Clear cornea, anterior chamber, lens and vitreous cavity.

The Refractive power of the eye is about ± 58 dioptres.



Optics of the Eye (cont.)

The cornea is the major refracting element of the eye with a power of approximately 40 dioptres. If the curvature is greater in one meridian than the other→ Astigmatism

The refractive power of the lens is about 17 dioptres at rest. Accommodation able to change the power of the lens markedly depends on age.



Emmetropia: Optically normal eye in which rays of light from a distant object are focused on the retina without accommodation.

- Myopia: Light focused on front of the retina, corrected by concave lens.
- Hypermetropia (hyperopia): Light focused behind the retina, corrected by convex lens.

Emmetropia. Accommodation.



Myopia.



Hypermetropia.

Correction of myopia.

The intraocular pressure

- The pressure within the eye is maintained at a steady level by continuous formation & drainage of aqueous.
- Aqueous is secreted by the ciliary epithelium → posterior chamber → anterior chamber (through the pupil) → drained through the anterior chamber angle.
- The intraocular pressure, (IOP), is normally 10 – 21 mmHg; increased IOP called Glaucoma.
- High IOP almost always due to an obstruction of aqueous outflow.

VISION

The retina:

- The central retina contains yellow pigment, Xanthophyll, the so called macula lutea (yellow spot).

- It is divided into retinal pigment epithelium & neurosensory retina.

 Photoreceptors contains visual pigment which consists of a large protein (opsin) attached to retinal (vitamin A aldehyde).

VISION (cont.)

Light splits the opsin from the retinal with initiation of a graded electrical potential → Transmitted through the visual pathway to be processed in the visual cortex (occipital lobe) → vision sense.

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Lacrimal Apparatus

Tear secretion.
Layers of precorneal tear film.
Drainage of tear.

