

# GLAUCOMA

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# What is Glaucoma?

- Glaucoma is a progressive optic neuropathy with characteristic appearance of the optic disc and specific pattern of visual field defects , irrespective of **IOP level** .

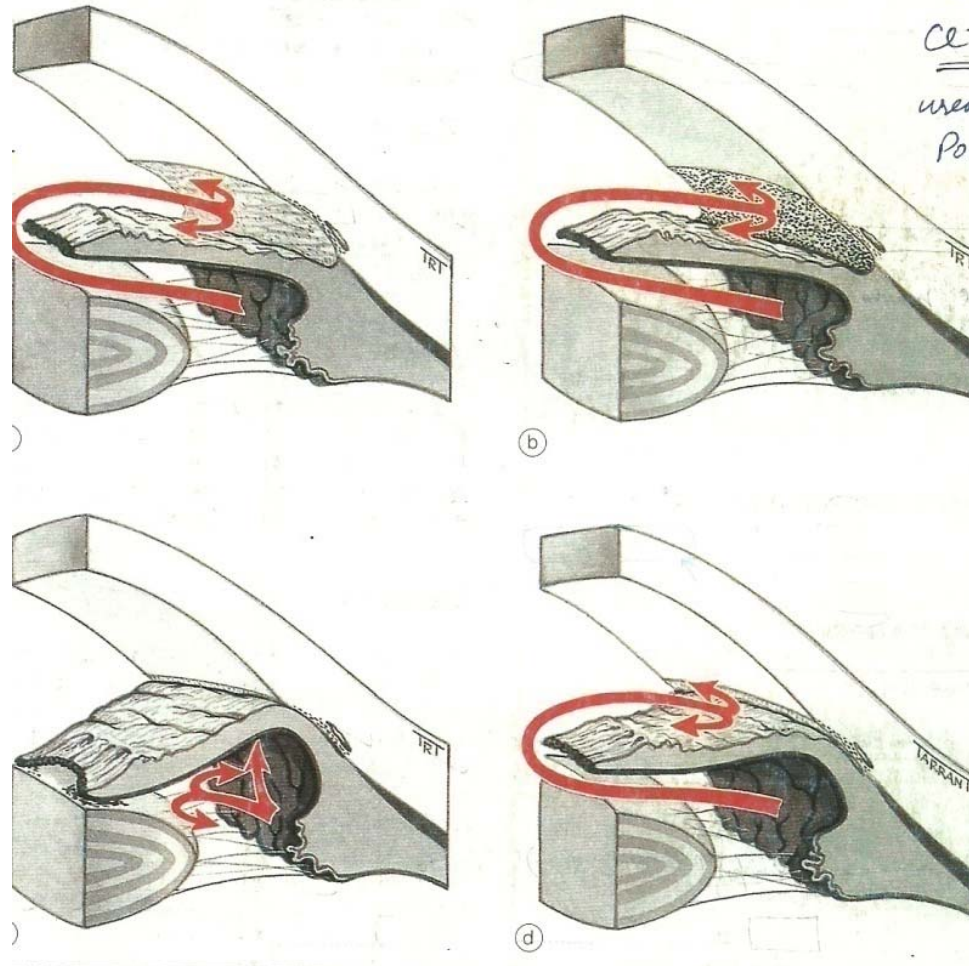
# Physiology of aqueous production

Ciliary Body: Ant Pars plicata (2mm wide)  
Post Pars plana (4mm wide)

Aqueous humor is actively secreted by non pigmented epithelium of ciliary processes

Trabecular Meshwork: Uveal meshwork  
Corneoscleral meshwork  
Endothelial(juxtacanalicular)meshwork

# Pathogenesis of Sec. Glaucoma



# Outflow of aqueous

- Posterior chamber - via pupil - Anterior chamber - exits eye by 2 routes :
  - Trabecular (conventional) route : 90%
  - Uveoscleral (unconventional) route : 10%

# Factors determining IOP

- Rate of aqueous secretion
- Rate of aqueous outflow - difference between the IOP and episcleral venous pressure
- Normal range of IOP 11-21mm Hg

# Investigations

- Visual acuity and refractive state
- Slit-lamp biomicroscopy (optic disc; 90D)
- Goldmann Applanation tonometry
- Gonioscopy
- Perimetry
- OCT

# Tonometry

- Indentation tonometry : Schiötz
- Applanation tonometry :
  - Goldmann
  - Perkin
  - Mackey Marg
  - Tonopen
- Non contact tonometry : Airpuff  
Pulsair 2000 Keeler



- Applanation tonometry based on **Imbert-Fick** principle : For an ideal, dry, thin walled sphere, pressure inside sphere (P) equals force needed to flatten its surface (F) divided by area of flattening (A) - **3.06mm Goldmann tonometry**

# Angle of anterior chamber

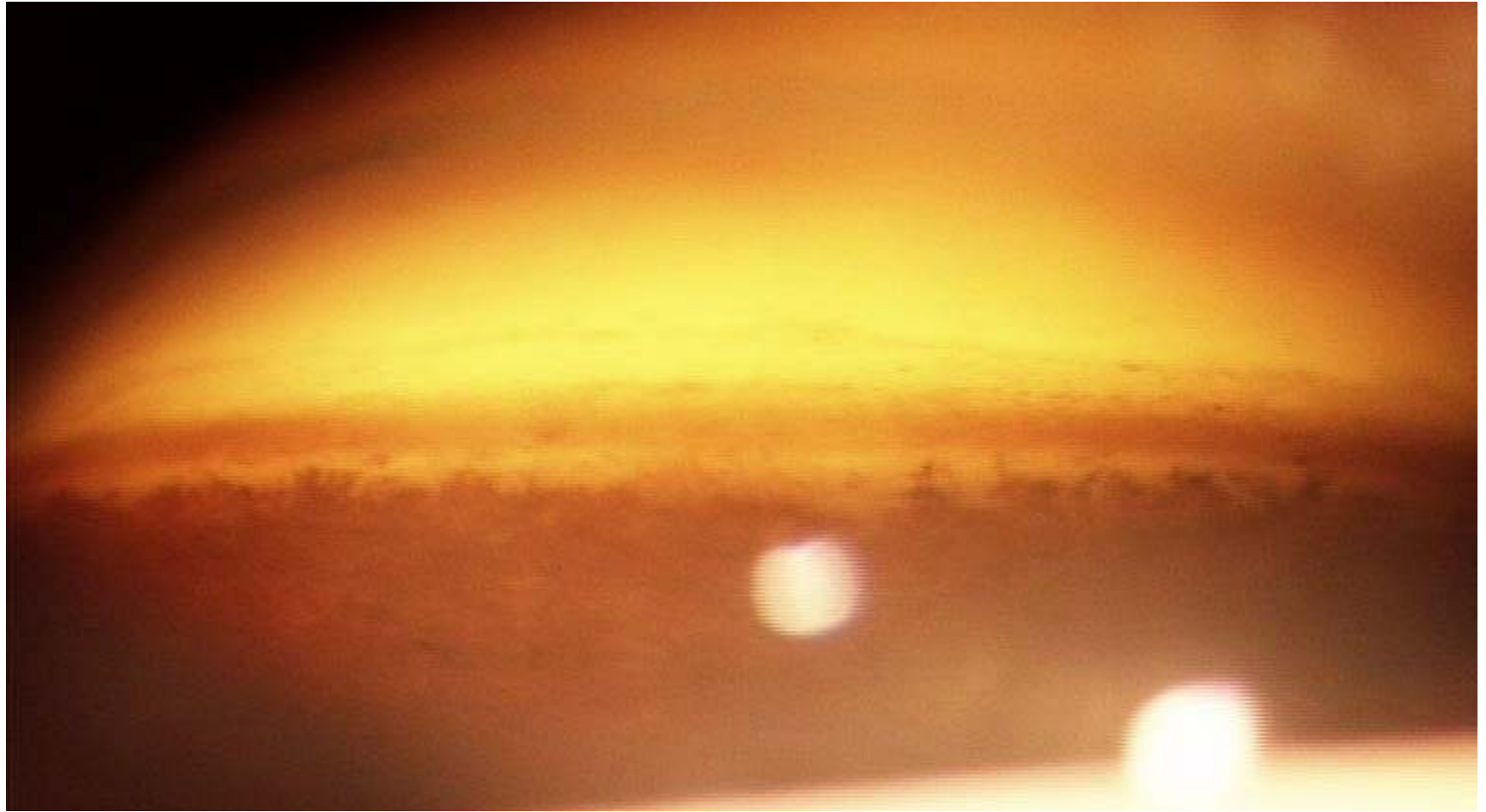
- Formed by root of iris , anterior most part of ciliary body , scleral spur , trabecular meshwork and schwalbe line.
- Aqueous humor fills (0.25ml) of anterior chamber and (0.06ml) of posterior chamber

# Gonioscopy

- Biomicroscopic visualisation of **angle of anterior chamber** using goniolens

## Types of Goniolens

- Direct : Koeppe goniolens  
Swan -Jacob
- Indirect : Goldmann three mirror  
Zeiss goniolens  
Posner and Sussman



# Angle structures

Root of iris

Ciliary body

Scleral spur

Trabecular meshwork schlemms canal

Schwalbe line

# Grading of angle width

## SHAFFER GRADING SYSTEM

Grade 0 - closed angle(0)

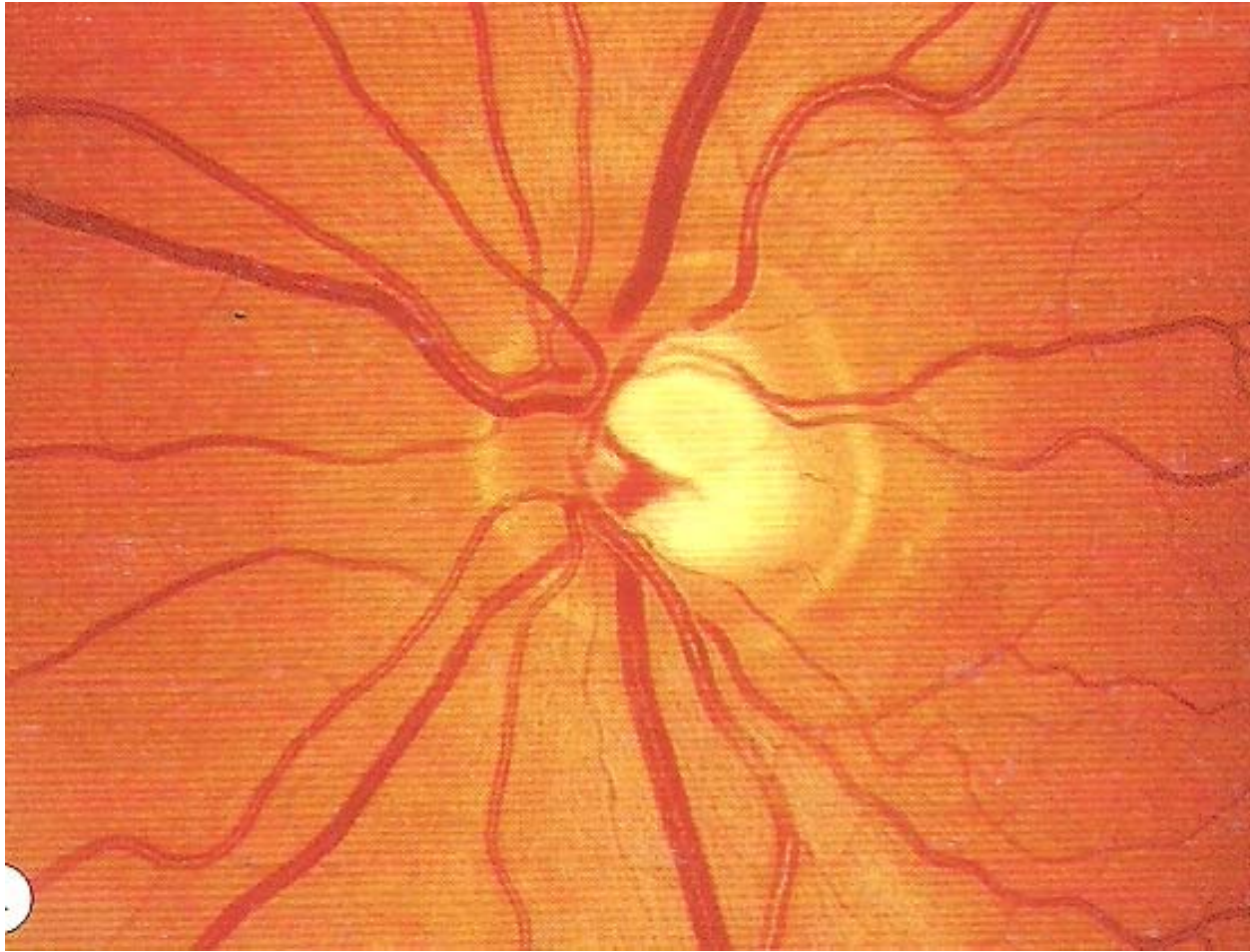
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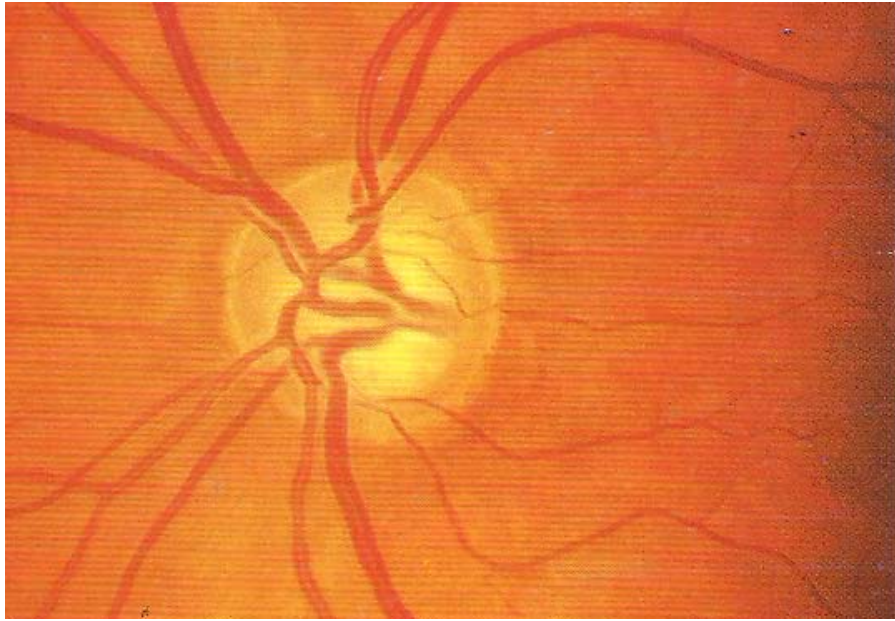
Grade 1 - Schwalbe line(10)

Grade 2 - Trabecular meshwork(20)

Grade 3 - Scleral spur (25-35)

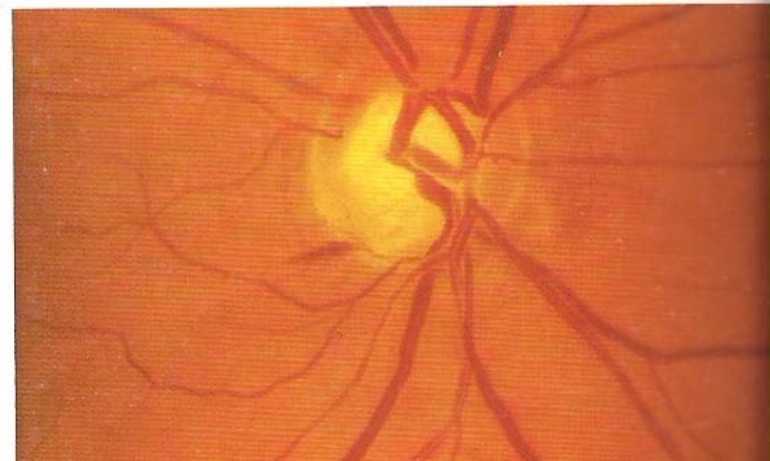
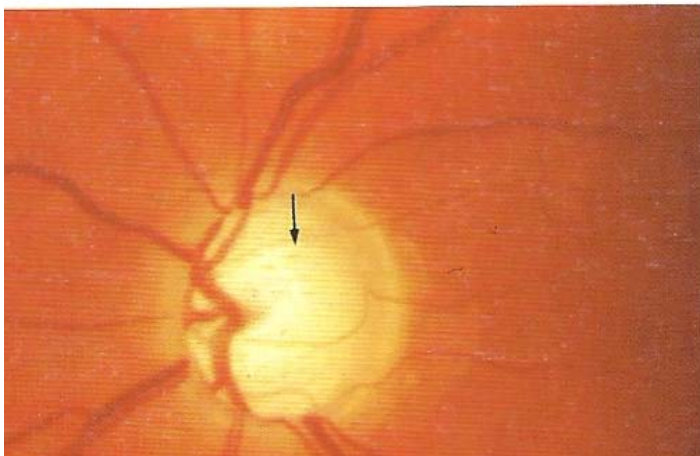
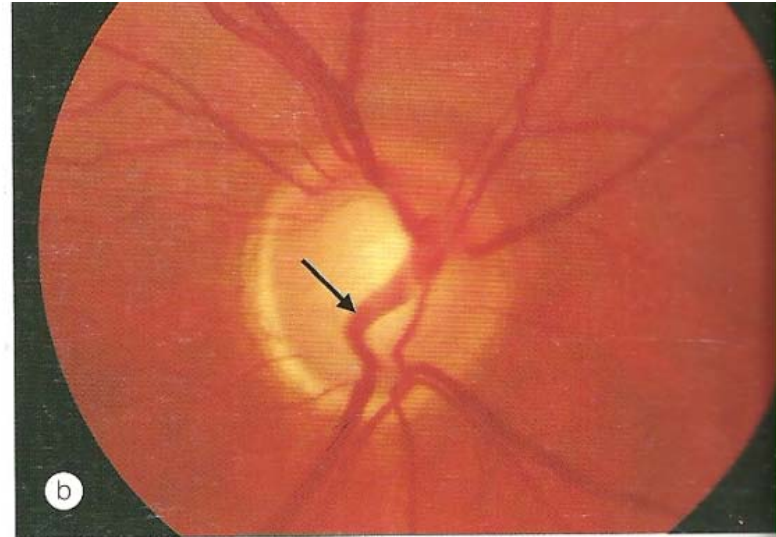
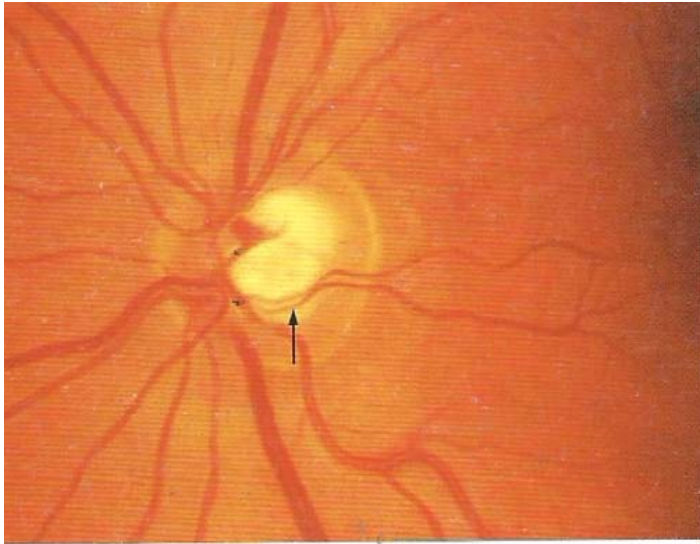
Grade 4 - Ciliary body(35-45)

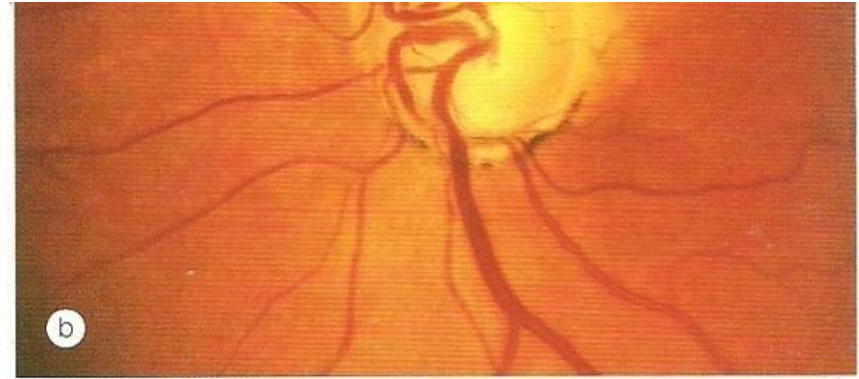
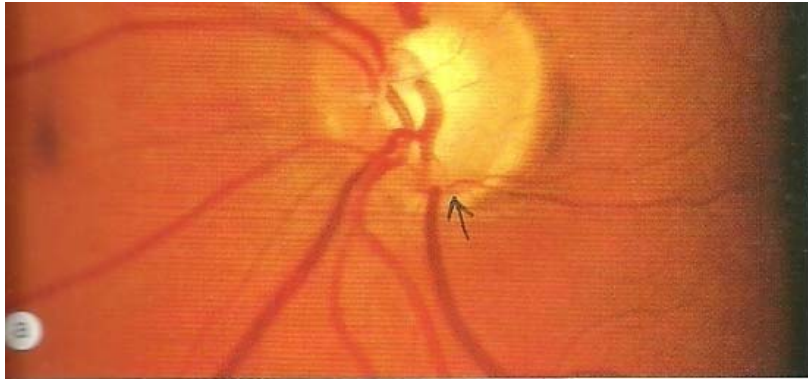




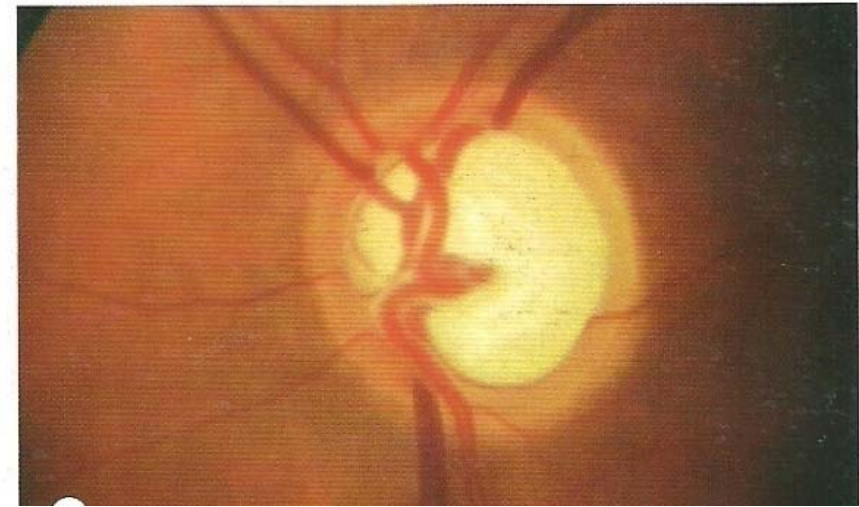
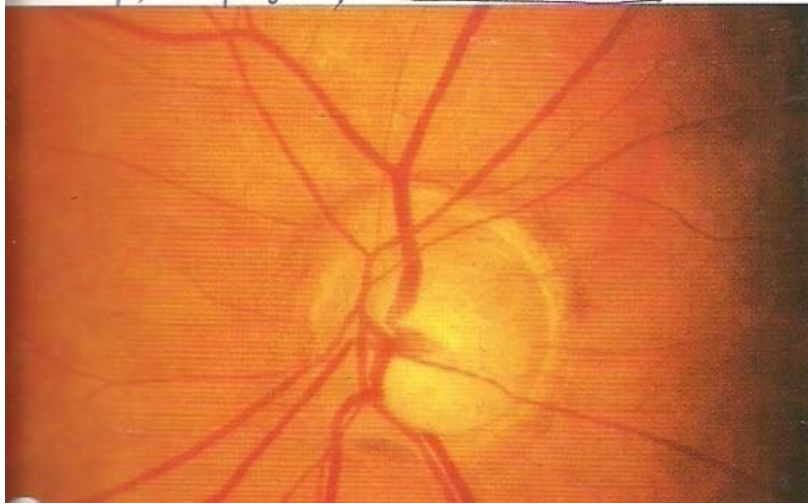


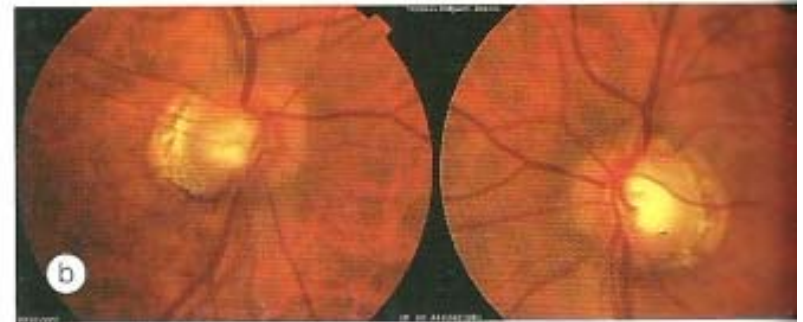
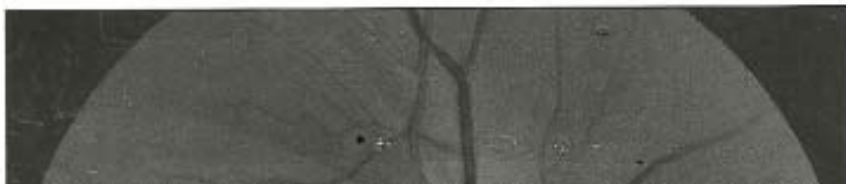
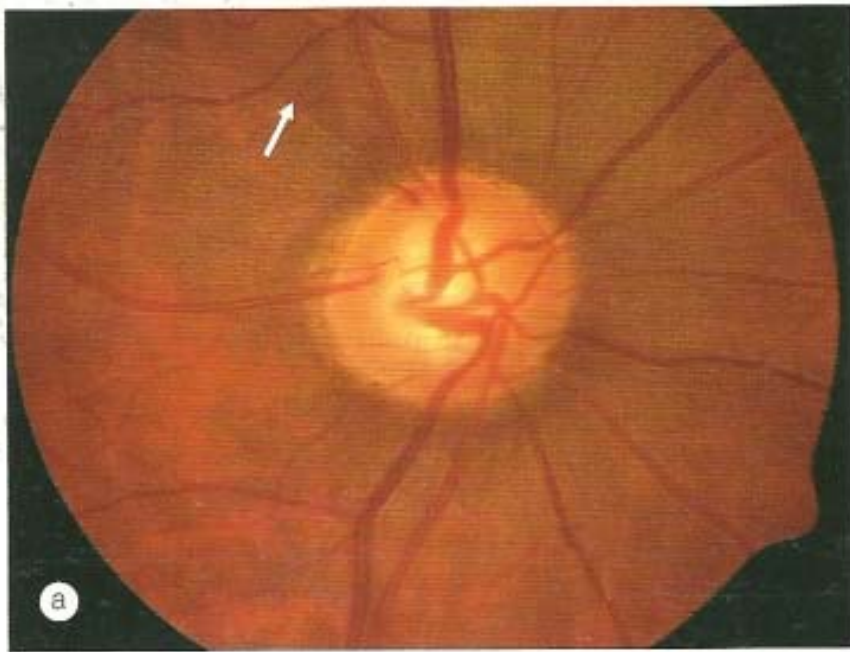
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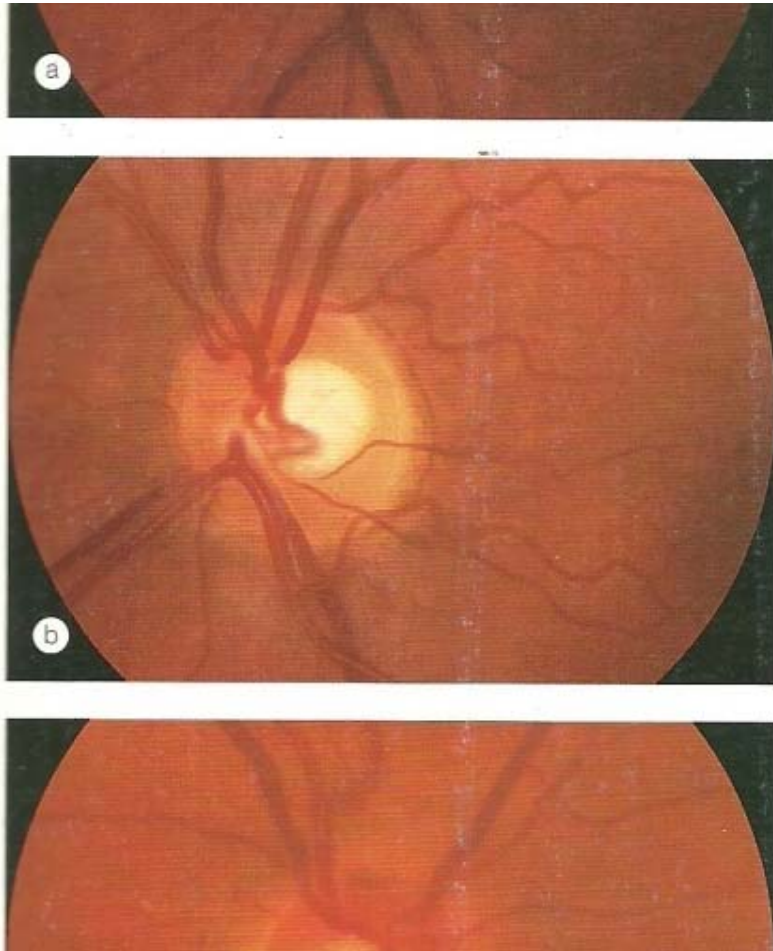




→ Cup, sloping ⊕, with later appearance







**Fig. 13.6**  
Cup-disc ratio (C = cup; arrowheads = edge of optic disc)  
(Courtesy of J Salmon)

damage. Approximately <sup>2mp</sup> half of all <sup>50%</sup> ocular hypertensive eyes that convert to POAG exhibit progression of parapapillary atrophic changes.

### Optic nerve head

Optic disc damage is superimposed upon physiological cupping present prior to the onset of raised IOP. If an eye with a small cup develops glaucoma (the cup will increase in size) but during the early stages its dimensions may still be smaller than that of a large physiological cup. An estimation of cup size alone is therefore of limited value in the diagnosis of early glaucoma, unless it is found to be increasing. Glaucomatous cups are usually larger than physiological cups, although a large cup is not necessarily pathological. Assessment of the thickness/symmetry and colour of the neuroretinal rim is essential.

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# Imaging techniques

- Perimetry
- Heidelberg retinal tomograph
- Optical coherence tomography
- Scanning laser polarimetry

Single Field Analysis

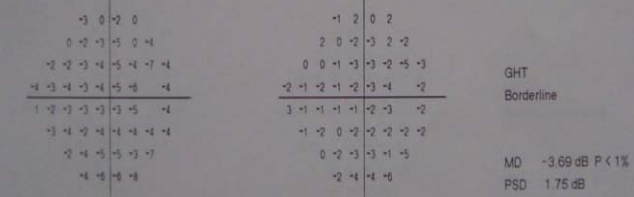
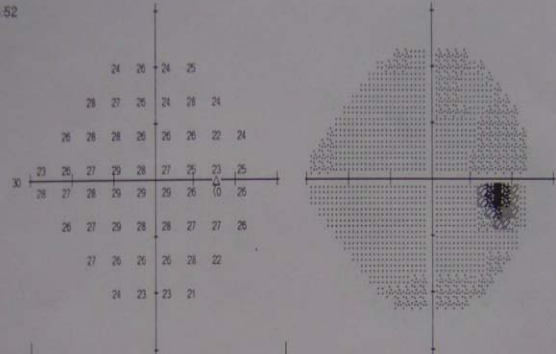
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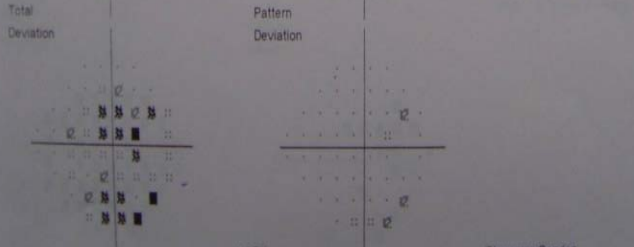
Central 24-2 Threshold Test

Fixation Monitor: Gaze/Blindspot      Stimulus: III, White      Pupil Diameter: 3.2 mm      Date: 27-10-2004  
 Fixation Target: Central      Background: 31.5 ASB      Visual Acuity:      Time: 3:18 PM  
 Fixation Losses: 0/16      Strategy: SITA-Standard      RX: DS DC X      Age: 64  
 False POS Errors: 0 %  
 False NEG Errors: 0 %  
 Test Duration: 05:52

Fovea: 34 dB



GHT  
 Borderline  
 MD -3.69 dB P < 1%  
 PSD 1.75 dB



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# PRIMARY OPEN ANGLE GLAUCOMA

# POAG

- Bilateral , not always symmetrical
- Adult onset > 40 years
- IOP > 21mmHg
- Open angle on gonioscopy
- Glaucomatous optic nerve head damage
- Visual field loss
- Most common 1 in 100 prevalence



# Risk factors and associations

- Age : older patients >40 years
  - Race : black people more than white
  - Family history and inheritance :
    - Multifactorial inheritance
    - Ist degree relatives and siblings(10%)
- Myopia and Diabetes
- Retinal diseases : CRVO ,Rheg RD, RP

# Steroid responsiveness

- Normal population divided into 3 Groups  
IOP response to 6wk course of topical  
betamethasone

High responders(>30mmHg) 5%

Moderate responders(22-30mmHg)  
35%

Non responders(no change) 60%

# Pathogenesis of glaucoma

- Ischaemic theory
- Direct mechanical theory
  - Increased resistance to aqueous outflow in trabecular meshwork
  - Apoptosis of retinal ganglion cells
  - Preterminal event is calcium influx into cell body and increase in intracellular nitric oxide

# Symptoms

- Insidious and asymptomatic
- Mild headache and eyeache
- Frequent change of presbyopic glasses
- Delayed dark adaptation

# Signs

## Raised IOP

## Diurnal fluctuation of IOP(DVT)

Variation of 6-8mmHg

Asymmetry of 5mmHg in 2 eyes

## Optic disc changes

Vertically oval cup

Asymmetry of cups 0.2 bn 2 eyes

Large cup

Splinter haemorrhages

Pallar of NRR

atrophy of retinal nerve fibre layer

- **Advanced changes**

- Marked cupping (0.7-0.9)

- Thinning of NRR

- Bayonetting sign

- Lamellar dot sign

- Pulsations of retinal arterioles

- Glaucomatous optic atrophy**

- Visual field changes

Isopter contraction

Baring of blind spot

Wing shaped paracentral scotoma

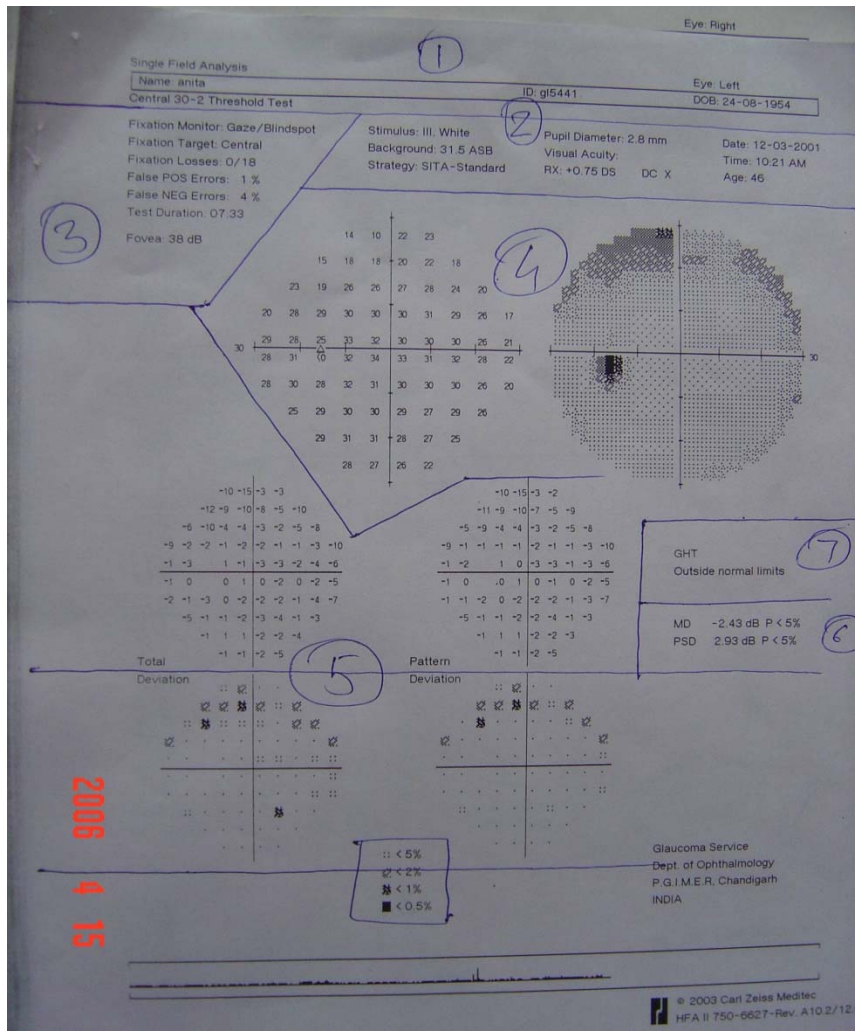
Seidel's scotoma

Arcuate or Bjerrum's scotoma

Ring or double arcuate scotoma

Roenne's central nasal step

Tubular vision





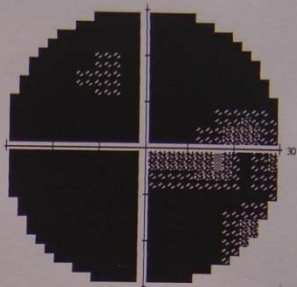
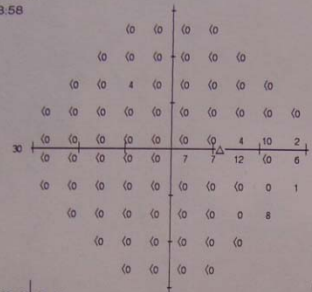


Single Field Analysis

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 Fixation Target: Central Background: 31.5 ASB Visual Acuity: 20/100 Time: 9:39 AM  
 Fixation Losses: 4/15 xx Strategy: SITA-Standard RX: +3.00 DS DC X Age: 55  
 False POS Errors: 4 %  
 False NEG Errors: N/A  
 Test Duration: 08:58

Fovea: <0 dB

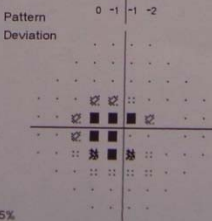
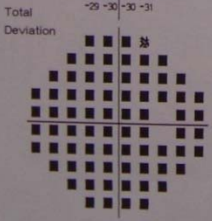


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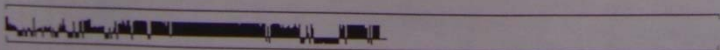
\*\*\* Low Test Reliability \*\*\*  
 GHT  
 Outside normal limits

MD -31.21 dB P < 0.5%  
 PSD 3.66 dB P < 2%



□ < 5%  
 ◻ < 2%  
 ◼ < 1%  
 ◼ < 0.5%

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- *Gonioscopy*  
Normal open angle

# Grading of glaucomatous damage

**Mild damage** : early visual field defects

MD  $< -6$ dB mild cupping

**Moderate damage** : definite arcuate

scotoma MD  $< -12$ dB moderate

thinning of NRR

**Severe damage** : extensive VF loss

MD  $> -12$ dB

Marked cupping

**End-stage disease** : small residual field

Minimal residual NRR

# Treatment

- Baseline evaluation
- Achieve target pressure
- Monitoring optic nerve and visual field

## THERAPUTIC CHOICE

Medical therapy

Argon or diode laser trabeculoplasty

Filteration surgery

# Single drug therapy

- Prostaglandin analogues

Latanoprost (0.005%)

Bimatoprost (0.03%)

Travoprost (0.004%)

## Topical beta blockers

Timolol maleate (0.25,0.5%)

Betaxolol (0.5%) Carteolol (1%,2%)

Levobunolol (0.5%) Metipranolol ( 0.1%)

- Alpha-2 agonist

Brimonidine (Alphagan 0.2%)

Apraclonidine (0.5%, 1%)

Miotics

Pilocarpine (1%, 2%, 3%, 4%)

Topical carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

Dorzolamide (2%)

Brinzolamide (1%)

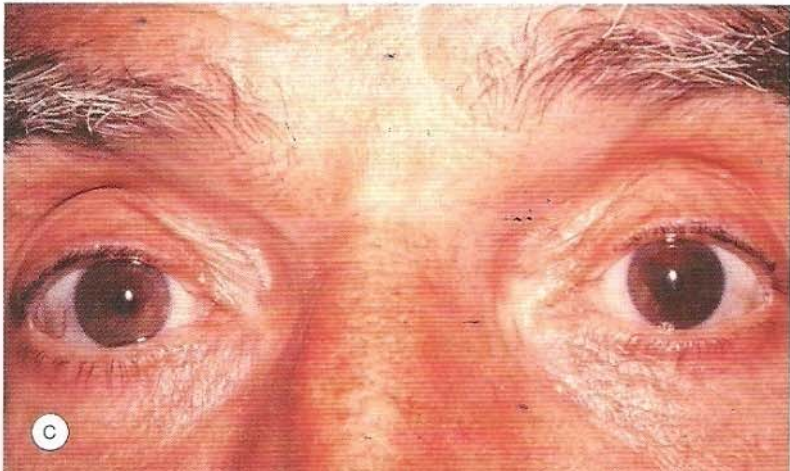
# Combined topical drugs

- Xalacom
- Travocom
- Cosopt
- Timpilo
- Combigan



## Systemic carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

- Acetazolamide 250-1000mg
- Methazolamide 50-100mg
- Hyperosmotic agents
  - Glycerol (50%)
  - Mannitol (20%)
  - Isosorbide



# Argon or diode laser trabeculoplasty

- **Indications**

Avoidance of polypharmacy

Avoidance of surgery

Non compliant patient

# Trabeculectomy

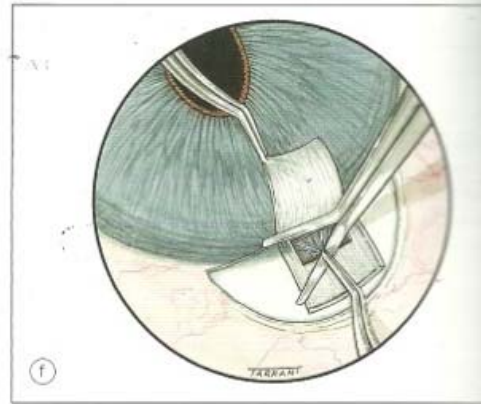
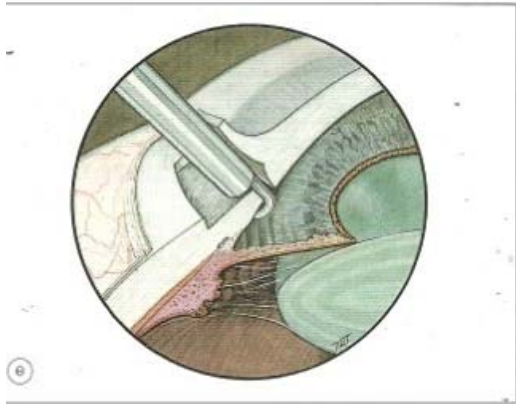
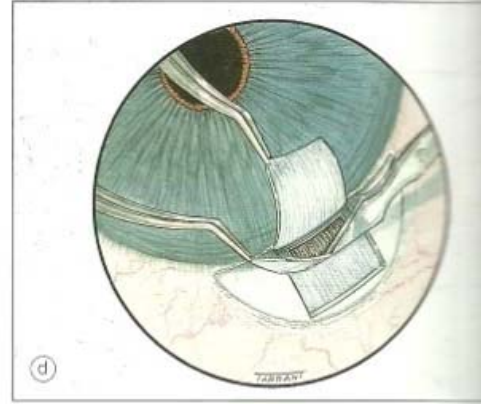
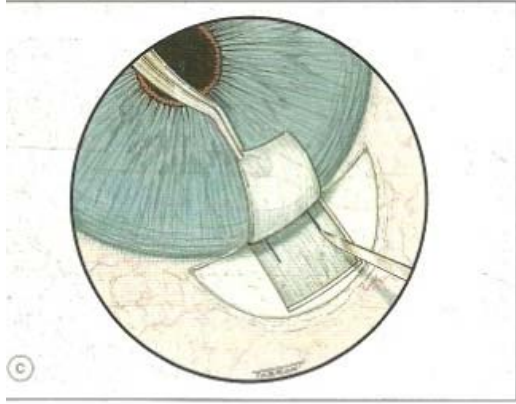
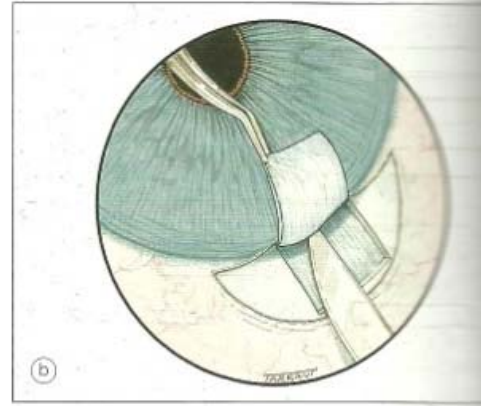
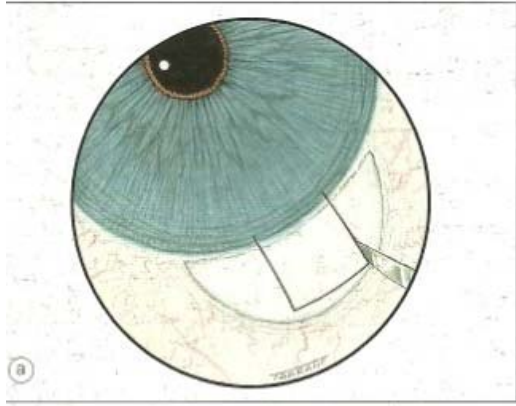
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Failed medical therapy

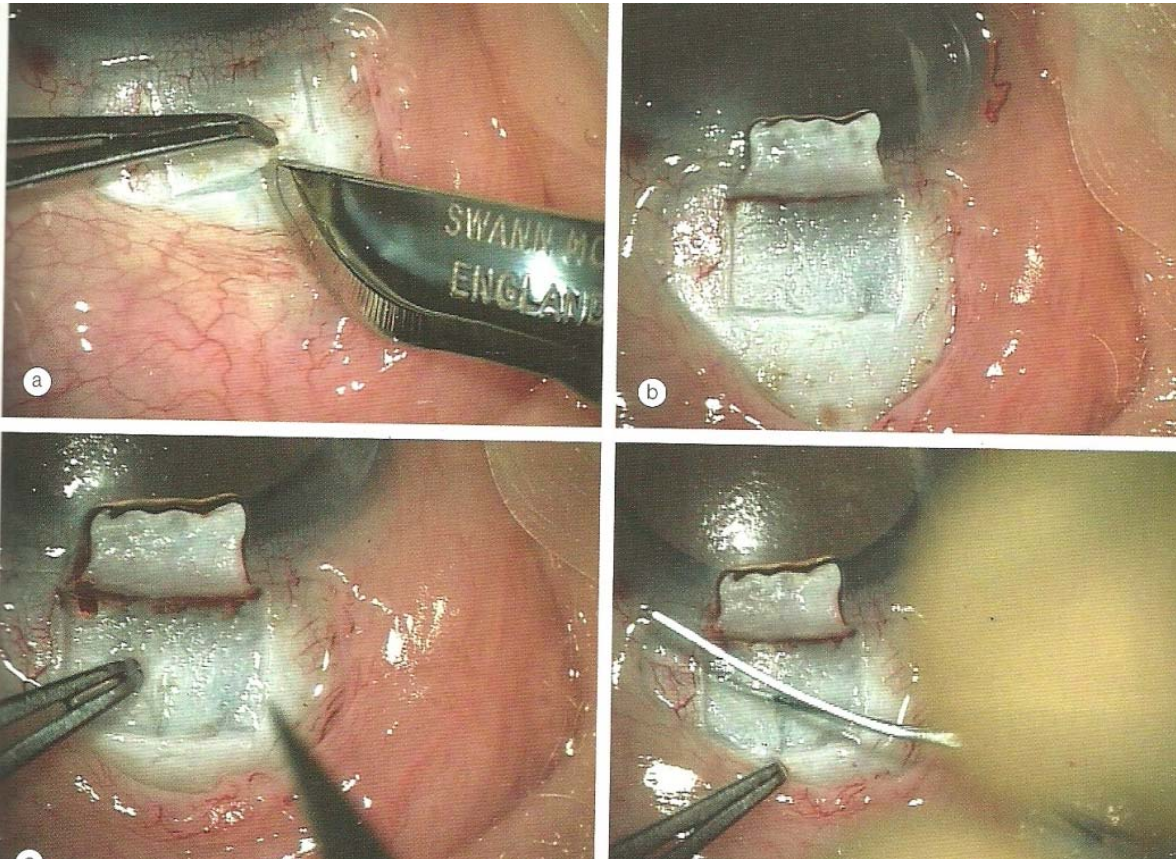
Failed laser trabeculoplasty

Advanced disease

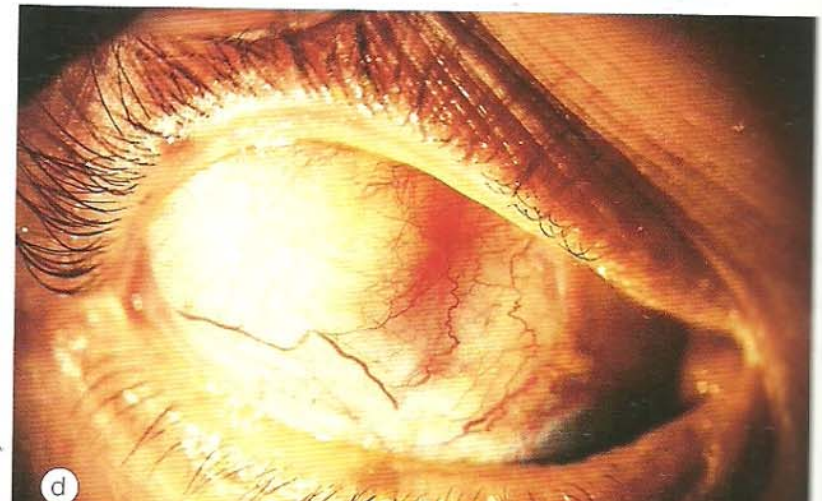
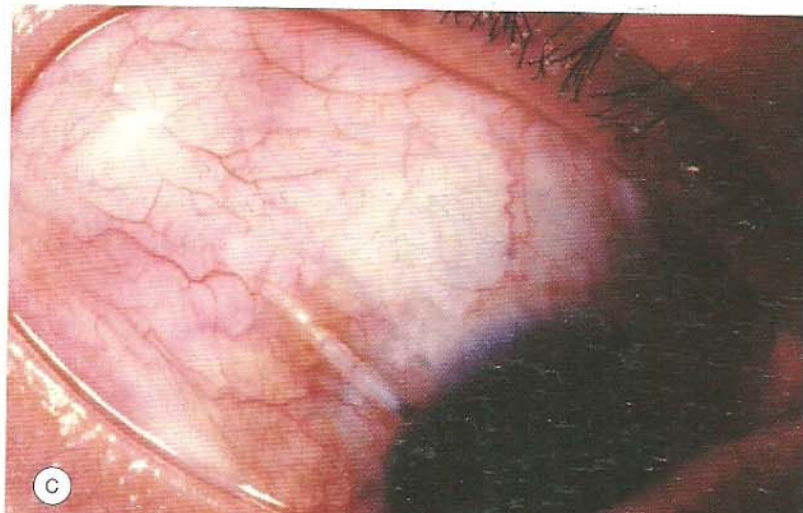
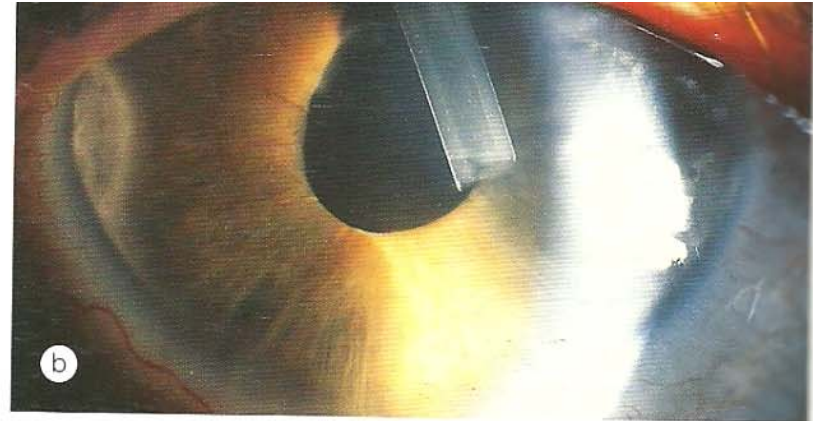
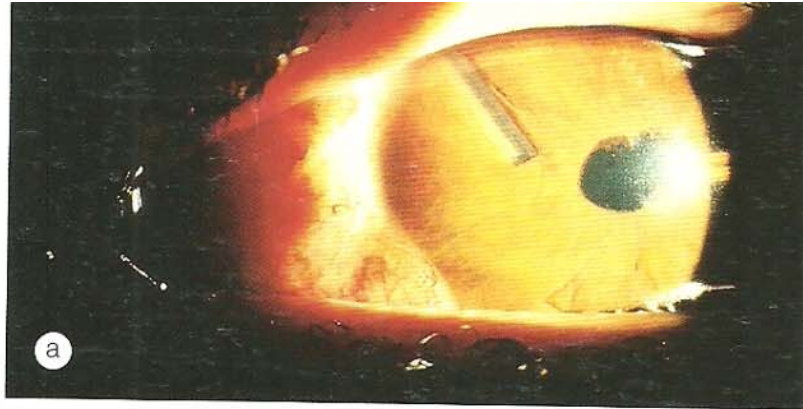
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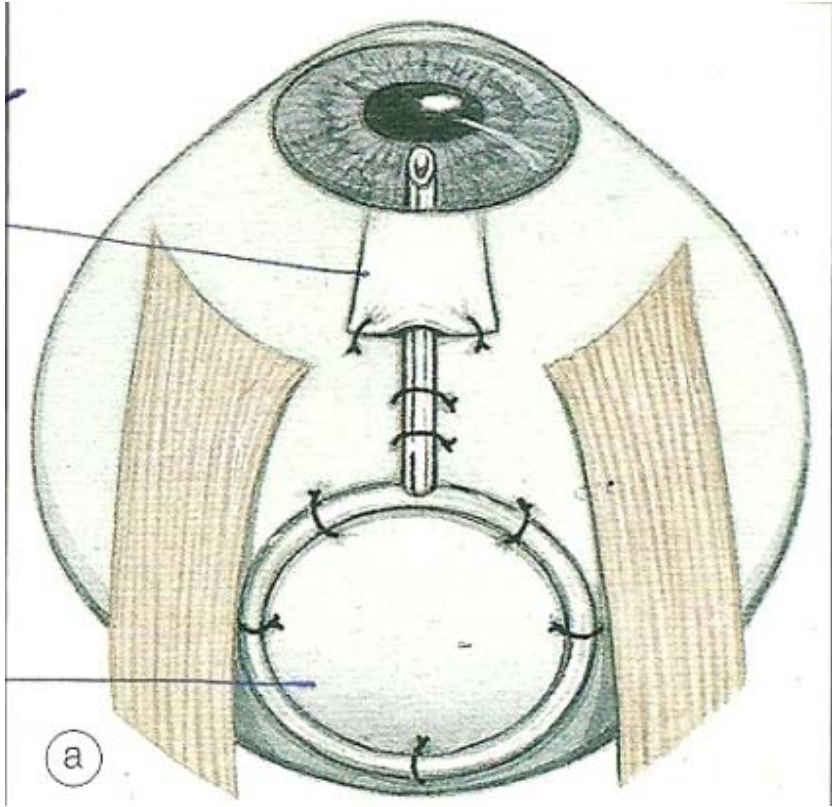


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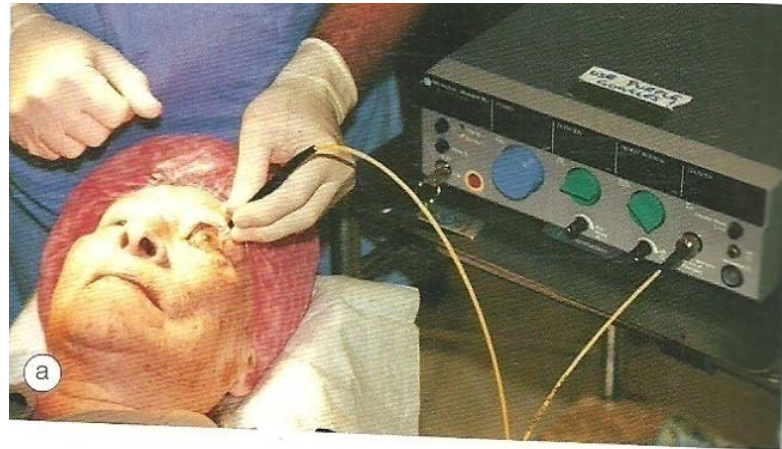
# Drainage devices(Tube shunts)



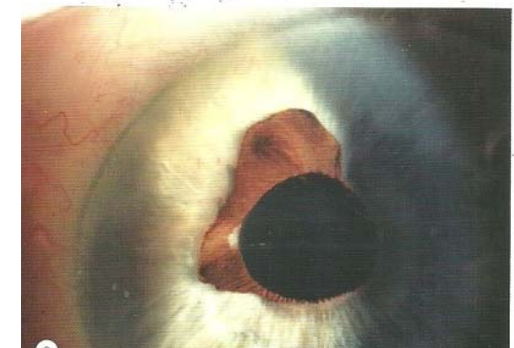
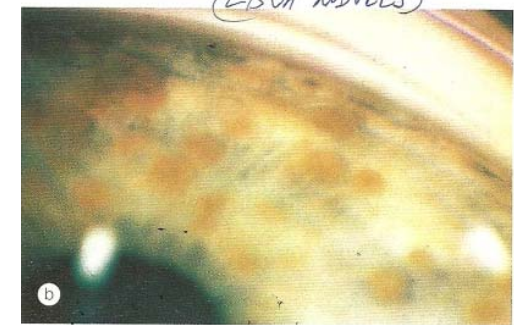




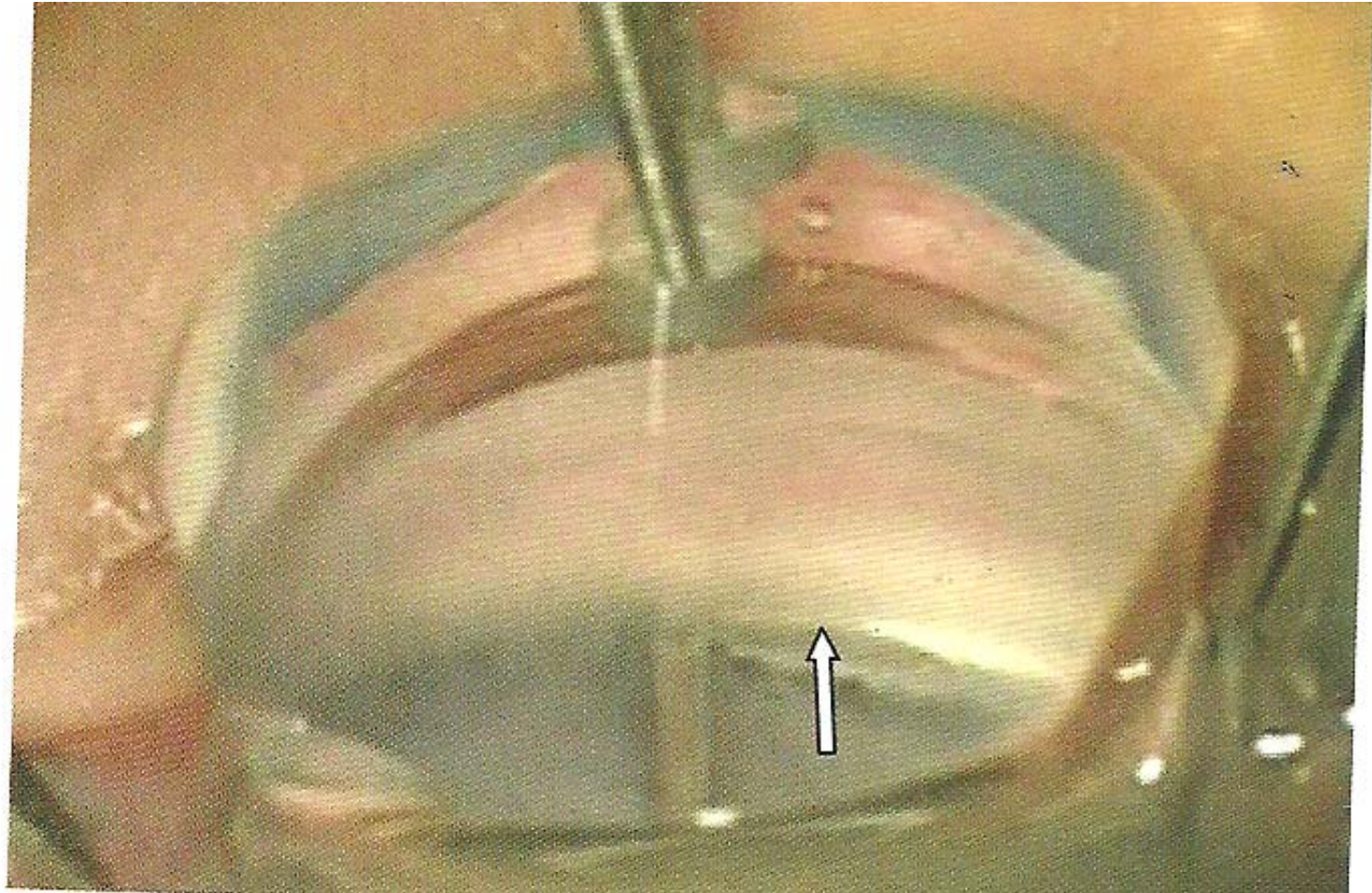
# Diode Laser Cyclophotocoagulation



# SWS; NF



# Direct gonioscopy



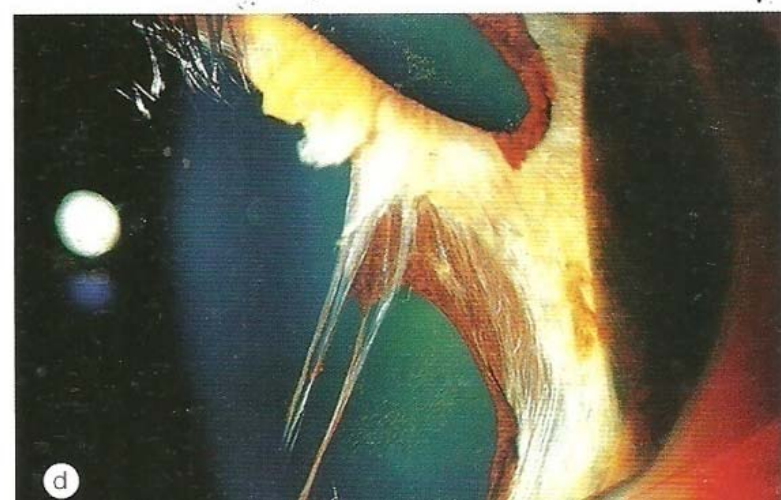
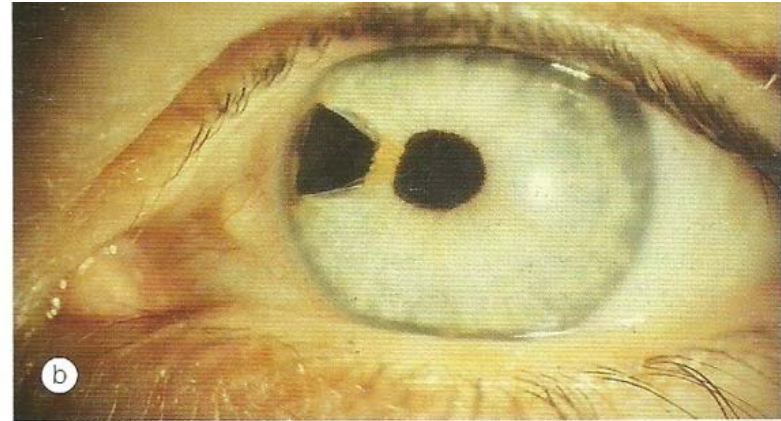




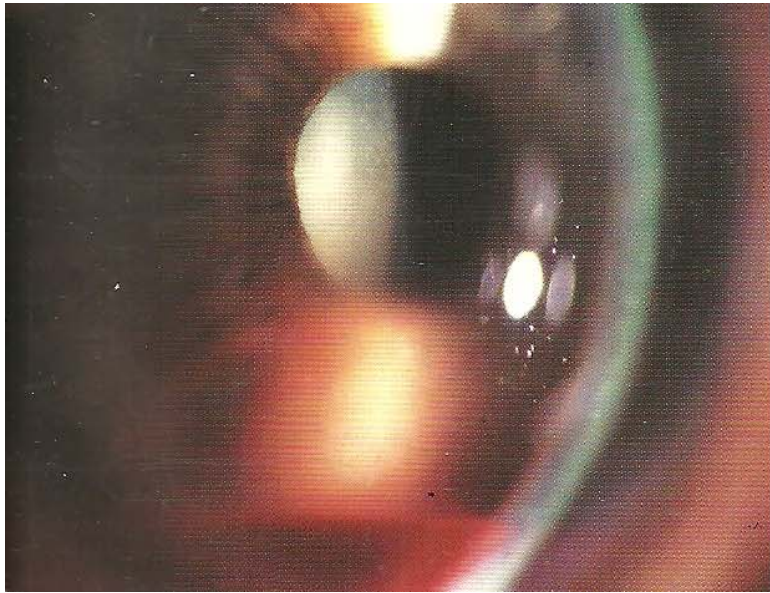
**Fig. 13.41**  
Glaucoma in intraocular tumours. **(a)** Angle invasion by a solid iris melanoma; **(b)** melanoma cells infiltrating the trabeculum; **(c)** melanomalytic glaucoma; **(d)** angle closure by a large ciliary body melanoma (Courtesy of R. Curtis – figs a and c; J. Harry – fig. b)



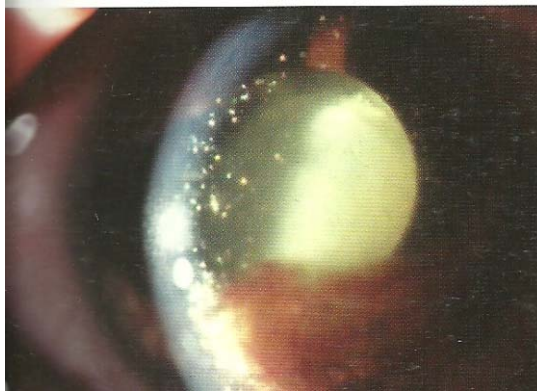
# AR Anomaly



# Traumatic Glaucoma: Hyphaema

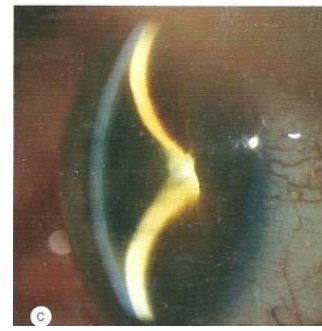
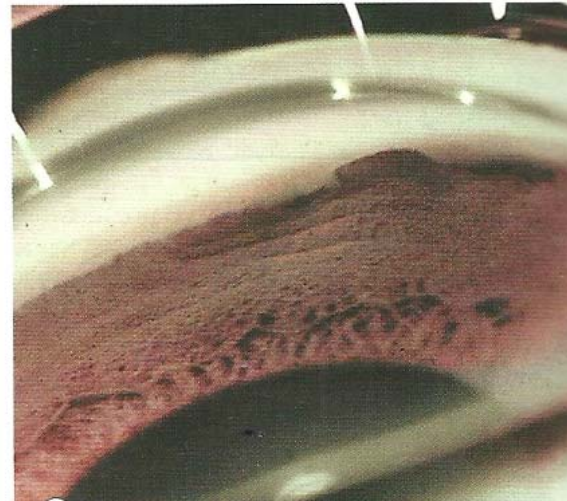
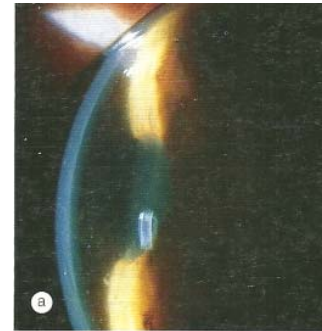
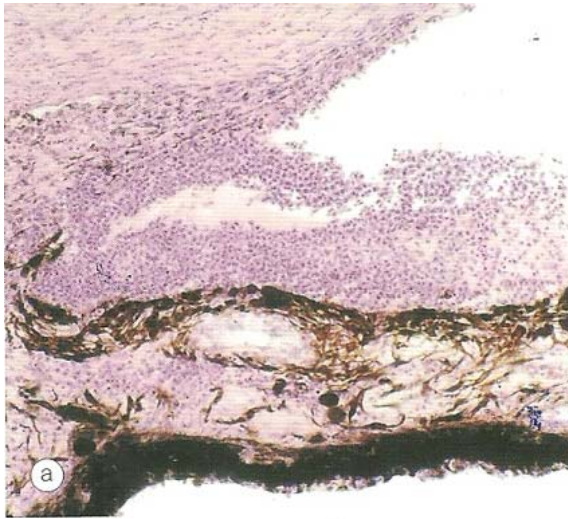


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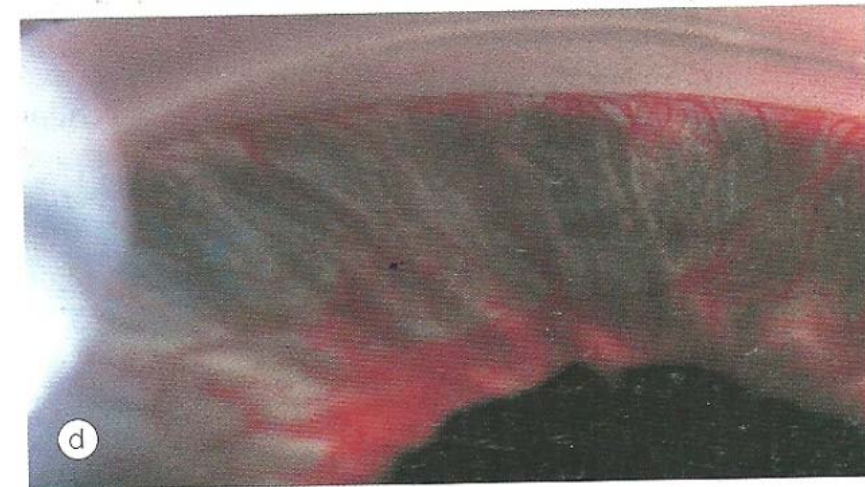
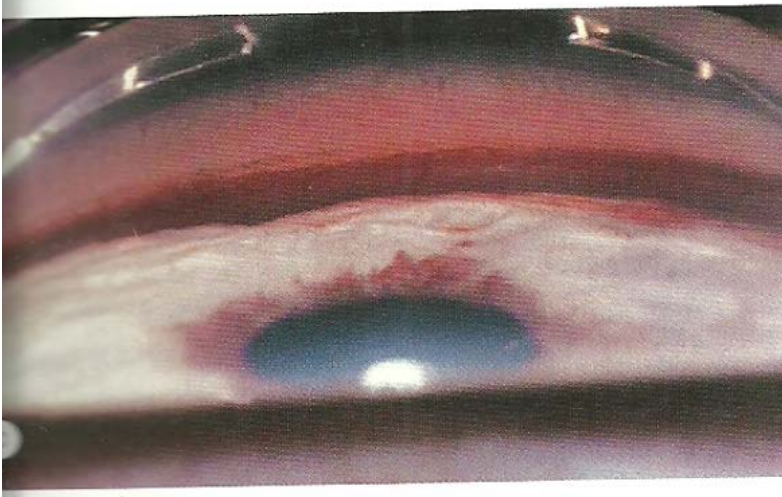
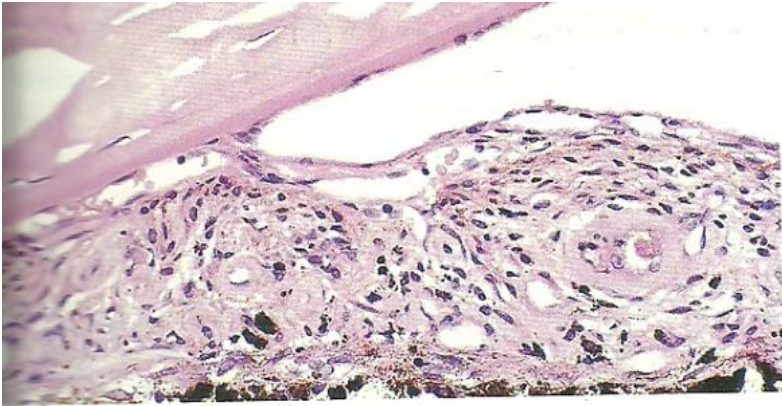




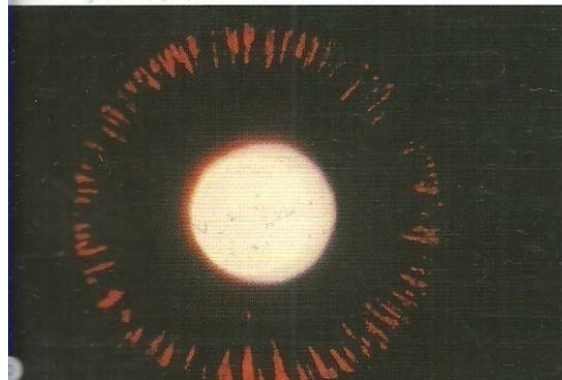
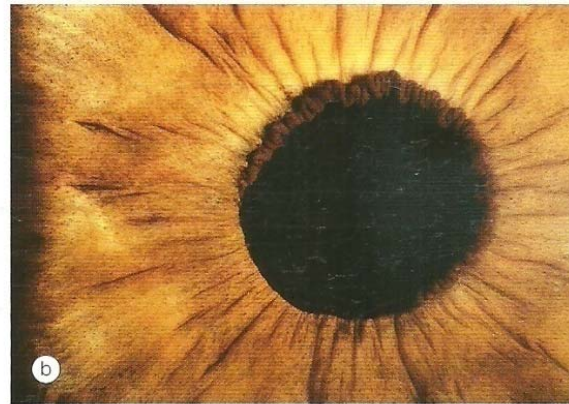
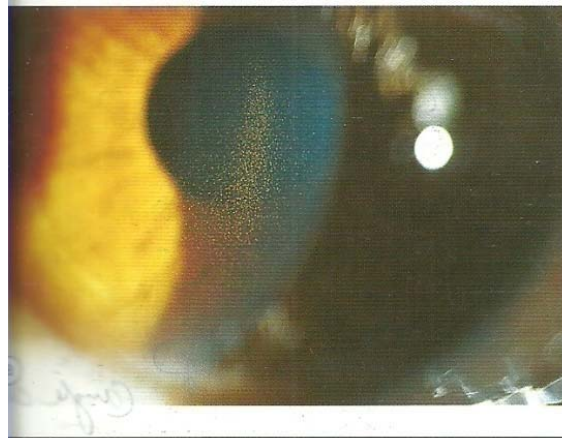
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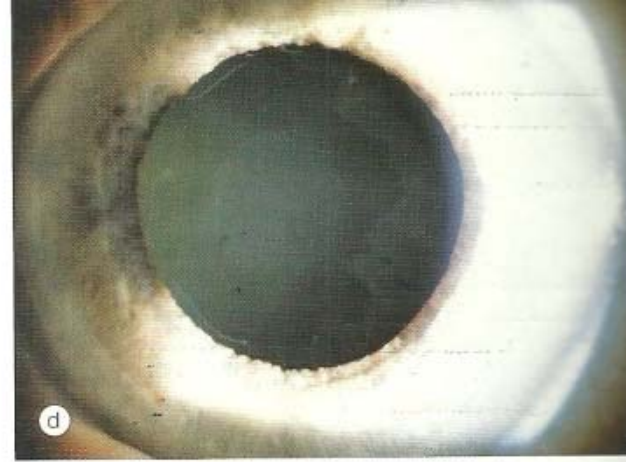
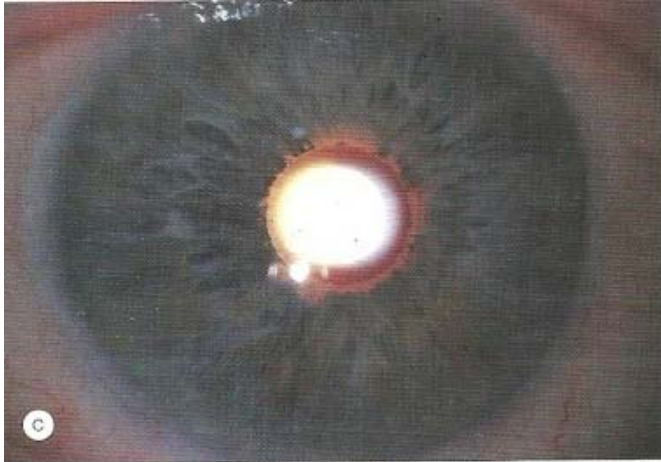
# Neovascularisation



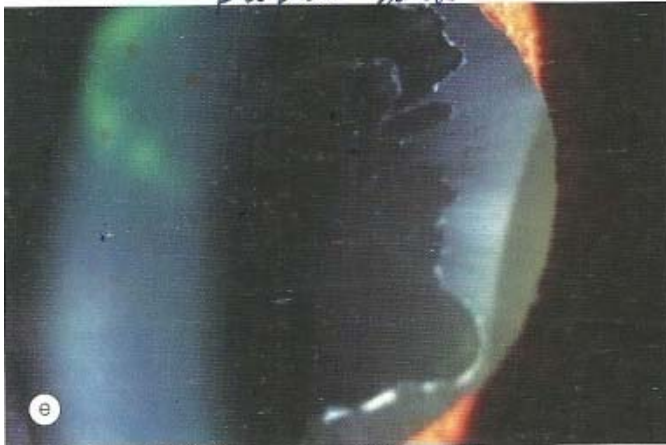
# Pigment Dispersion



# Pseudoexfoliation



*peripheral band*



# Angle Closure Glaucoma

