



# Tumors of the Eye

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# Conjunctival tumors

## ***Non-pigmented tumours***

- I. **Congenital**: dermoid and lipodermoid (choristomas).
- II. **Benign**: simple granuloma, papilloma, adenoma, fibroma and angiomas.
- III. **Premalignant**: intraepithelial epithelioma (Bowen's disease).
- IV. **Malignant**: epithelioma or squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma.

## ***Pigmented tumours***

- I. Benign: naevi or congenital moles.
- II. Precancerous melanosis: superficial spreading melanoma and lentigo maligna (Hutchinson's freckle).
- III. Malignant: primary melanoma (**malignant melanoma**).

# Lacrimal Gland Tumors

## Benign

- Pleomorphic adenoma
- Schwannoma
- Dermoid
- Neurofibroma

## Malignant

- Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma
- Malignant Mixed Tumour of the Lacrimal Gland
- Adenocarcinoma
- Metastatic Tumor

# Pleomorphic adenoma

- Most common epithelial tumor-benign mixed-cell tumor.
- **Presentation**-adult life with painless, smooth, firm non-tender, slowly growing in the upper outer quadrant
- **Examination**- most cases, arising from the orbital portion of the lacrimal gland. CT scan bony excavation of the lacrimal gland fossa.
- **Treatment**-- Lateral orbitotomy



# Lid Tumors

## *Benign tumours:*

- Simple papilloma
- Naevus
- Angioma
- Haemangioma
- Neurofibroma
- Sebaceous adenoma

## *Pre-cancerous conditions.*

- Solar keratosis,
- Carcinoma-in-situ
- xeroderma pigmentosa

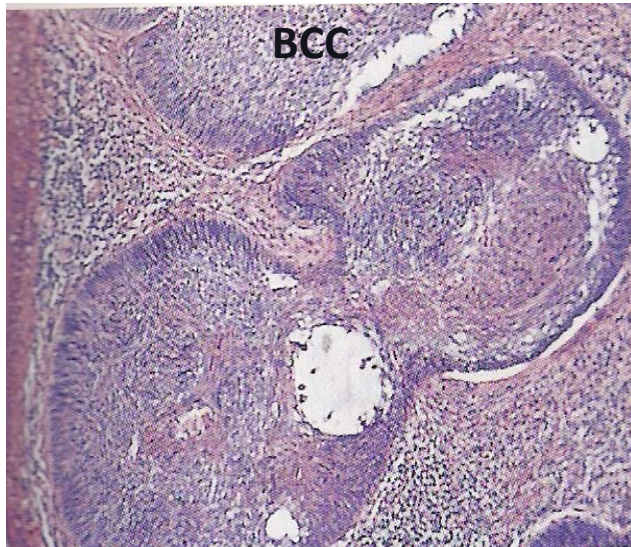
## *Malignant tumours*

- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Basal cell carcinoma



Nonmelanoma skin cancers account for more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of all cancers;  
 Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) accounts for 92.5% of all eyelid tumours;  
 Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) accounts for 5% and  
 Sebaceous gland carcinoma (SGC) for around 1%

	<b>BCC</b>	<b>SCC</b>	<b>SGC</b>
Incidence	Most common	2 <sup>nd</sup> most common	Least common
Origin	Basal cells of the epidermis, cells fail to mature and keratinise	Arise from the differentiated cells of the epidermis, mature and keratinise	Arise from the meibomian glands or the glands of Zeis
Site	Lower lid, medial canthus, upper lid and lateral canthus	Lower lid	Upper eyelid
Predisposing factors	UV light	UV light, burn scars, traumatic ulcers, immunocompromised, irradiation	Recurrent chalazion and irradiation



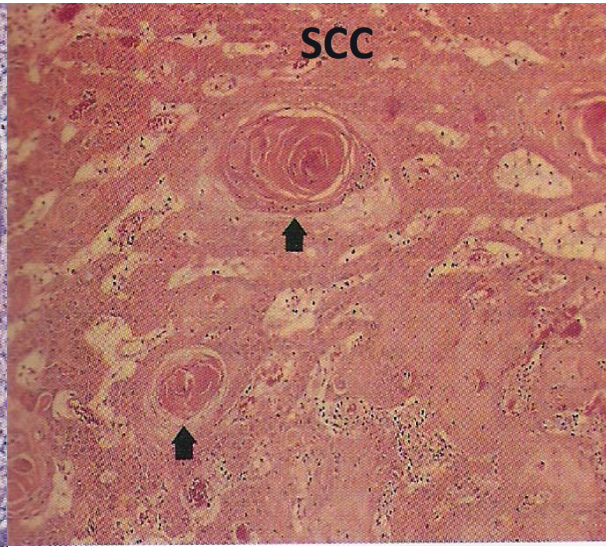
Large nests of hyperchromatic cells (bluish) with scanty cytoplasm, prominent nuclei and inconspicuous nucleoli invading the dermis

Peripheral palisading of the nuclei

Retraction artifacts with telltale clefts

Nodular form commonest

Cystic, adenoid, pigmented and sclerosing variants can

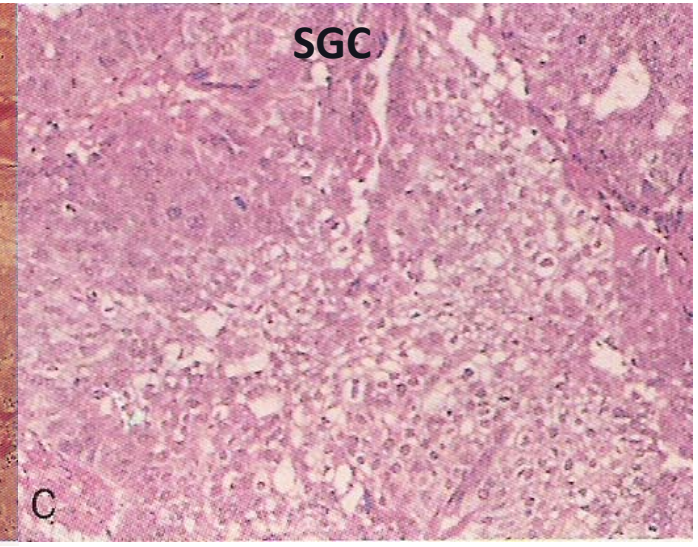


Polygonal cells with abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm, Hyperchromatic and prominent nuclei

Dyskeratotic cells with keratin pearl formation characteristic

Invades dermis

As the degree of invasion increases, the anaplasia increases and the keratinisation decreases



Well demarcated lobules with baseloid features, no peripheral palisading

Eosinophilic sebaceous cells, mitotically active, bizarre nuclei,

Foamy vacuolated cytoplasm (consists of dissolved lipids)

Invades dermis

## BCC

### Clinical characteristics:

Present as small, firm, upraised nodules with umbilicated or ulcerated centre;

Raised, rolled, pearly translucent margins with fine telangiectasias

Minimally invasive

### Management:

- Surgery, Fresh tissue micrographic surgical approach (Moh's surgery)
- Cryosurgery, electrodesiccation and curettage : small tumors
- Radiotherapy and chemotherapy : Inoperable tumors
- Exenteration : orbital invasion
- PDT with hematoporphyrin derivative

## SCC

### Clinical characteristics:

Indurated, scaly, elevated plaque, with a punched out ulcerated area with serosanguinous and indurated edges, surface crusting

Highly invasive and metastatic

### Management:

- Wide surgical excision with frozen section control and immediate reconstruction
- Moh' s surgery
- Exenteration : orbital invasion
- Radiotherapy and chemotherapy

## SGC

### Clinical characteristics:

Elderly female with persistent unilateral blepharoconjunctivitis or painless upper lid nodule (recurrent chalazion)

Invasive and metastatic

### Management:

- Complete wide surgical excision –treatment of choice
- Preferably with frozen section control or adjunctive radio and chemotherapy
- Exenteration in invasive tumors

# Uveal Tract Tumors

## ***TUMOURS OF CHOROID***

### Benign

- Naevus
- Haemangioma
- Melanocytoma
- Choroidal osteoma

### Malignant

- Melanoma

## ***TUMOURS OF CILIARY BODY***

### Benign

- Hyperplasia
- Benign cyst
- Medulloepithelioma

### Malignant

- Melanoma

## ***TUMOURS OF IRIS***

### Benign

- Naevus
- Benign cyst
- Naevoxanthoendothelioma

### Malignant

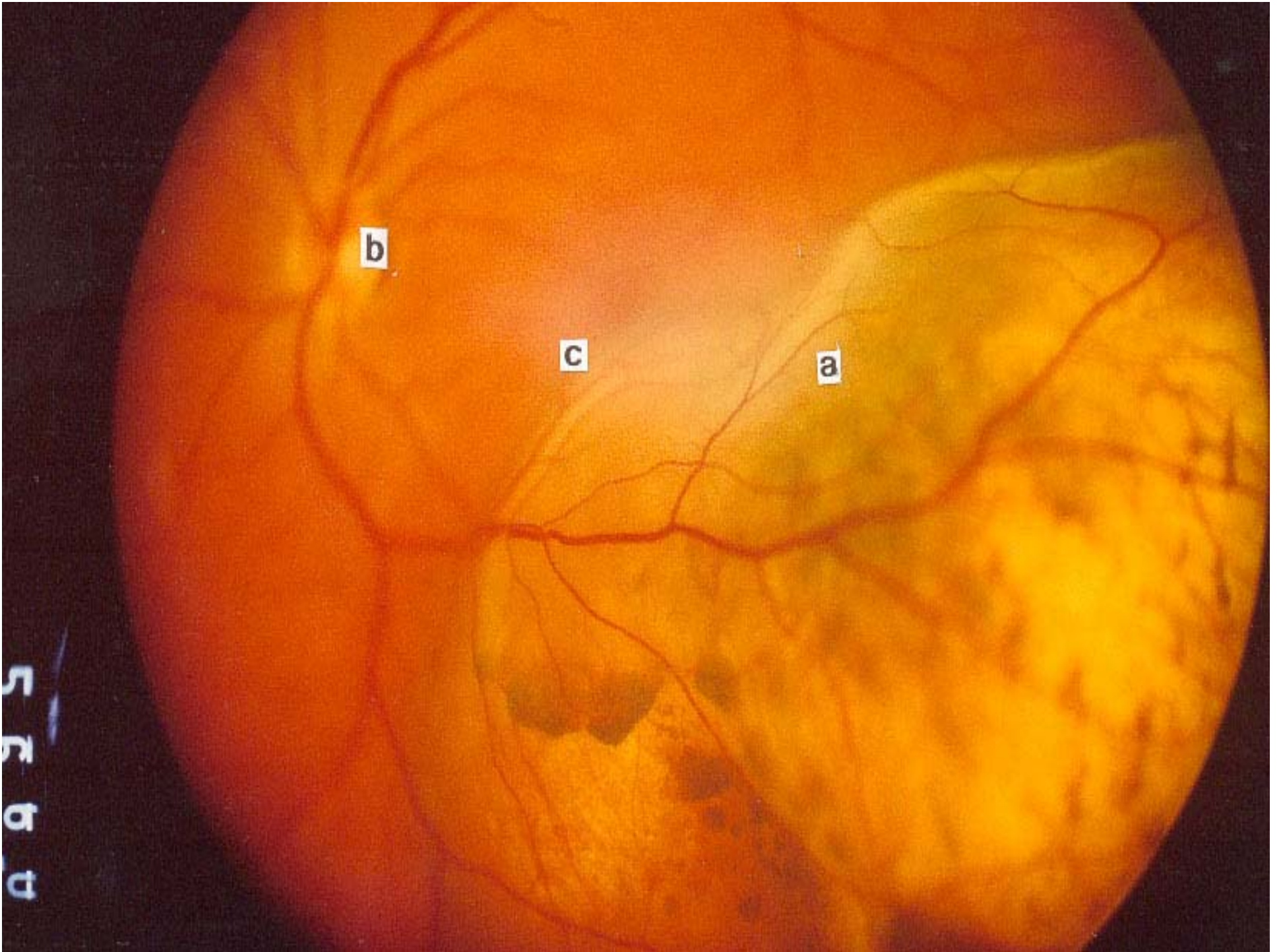
- Melanoma

# Choroidal Melanoma

- Typically begins asymptomatic, however, blurred VA, VF loss and flashes/floaters may all be symptoms
- Caucasians, 5<sup>th</sup> decade
- 2 varieties: circumscribed and diffuse
- Elevated, mottled lesion
- Most melanomas arise from pre-existing, benign choroidal nevi. The prevalence of nevi is 1-2%<sup>5</sup> and the incidence of malignant degeneration into melanoma is less than 1%.

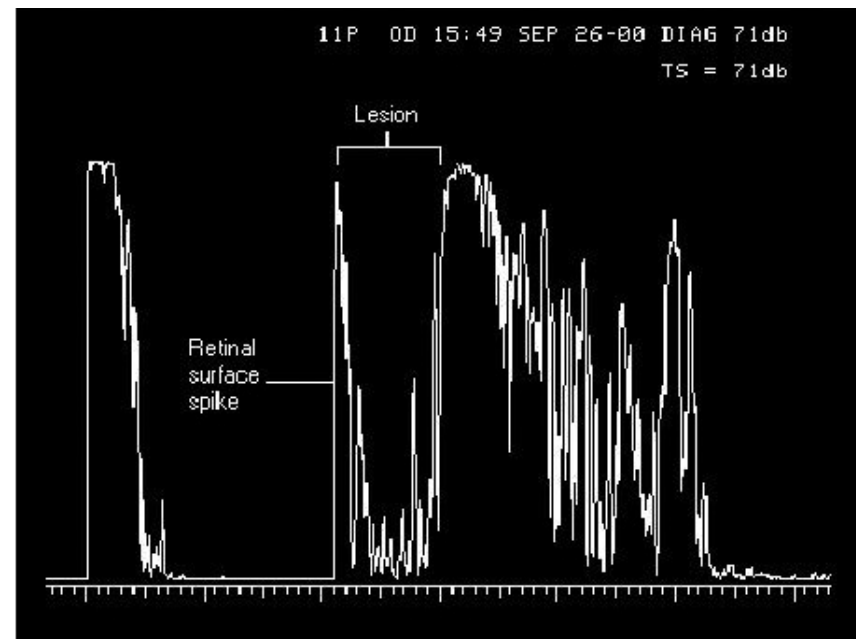
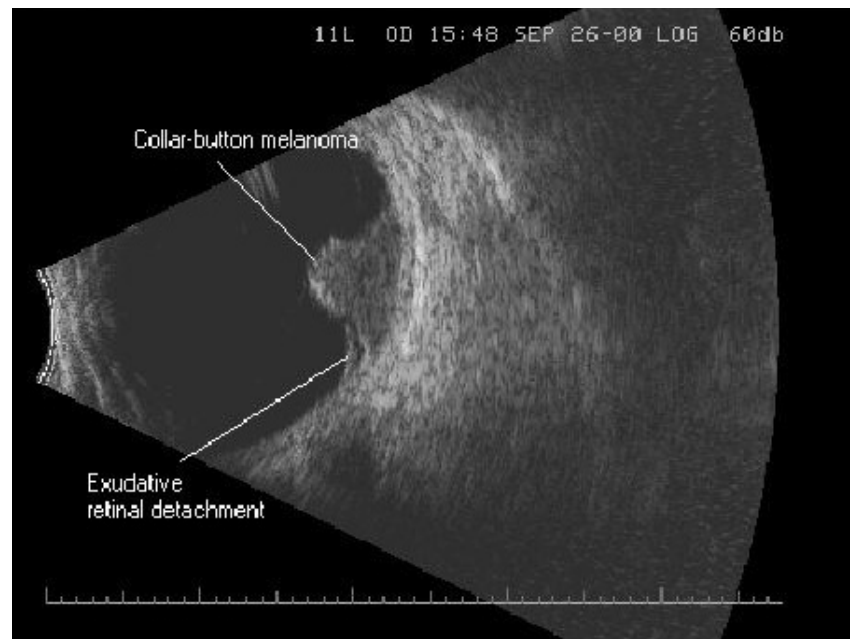
- Exudative retinal detachments are seen with tumors more than 4 mm thick.
- Lipofuscin, an orange pigment, is characteristically seen at the level of the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE).
- Some large melanomas, especially those involving the ciliary body, have prominent episcleral feeder vessels.
- Distant metastasis
- Radiation most common treatment modality
- Enucleation treatment of choice for high risk melanomas







- Combined A-mode and B-mode ultrasonography is the most important ancillary test.
- The classic signs with B-scan: acoustically silent zone within the melanoma, choroidal excavation and acoustic shadowing of the orbit. The A-mode shows medium to low internal reflectivity.



# Tumors of Retina

## ***Primary tumours***

### *Neuroblastic tumours.*

- Sensory retina (retinoblastoma and astrocytoma)
- Pigment epithelium (benign epithelioma; melanotic malignant tumours).

### *Mesodermal angiomas*

- Cavernous haemangioma

### *Phakomatoses*

- Angiomas of retina (von hippel-lindau disease)
- Tuberous sclerosis (bourneville's disease),
- Neurofibromatosis (von recklinghausen's disease)
- Encephalo-trigeminal angiomas (Sturge-weber Syndrome).

## ***Secondary tumours***

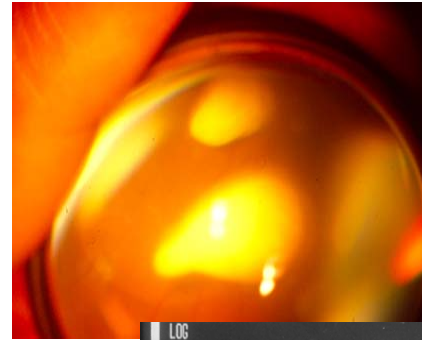
- *Direct extension e.g., from malignant melanoma of the choroid.*
- *Metastatic carcinomas from the gastrointestinal tract, genitourinary tract, lungs, and pancreas.*
- *Metastatic sarcomas.*
- Metastatic malignant melanoma from the skin.

# Retinoblastoma

- Incidence - 1 in 18,000 to 1 in 20,000 live birth
- Av. age of diagnosis – 18 months (B/I 12mths,U/L 24mths)
- Unilateral (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) and Bilateral (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) .
- Heritable (Germline mutation) and non-heritable (Somatic mutation).
- Approximately 4% of all Pediatric tumors.
- 250-300 new cases/yr in US, about 5000 new cases of retinoblastoma are found worldwide each year,
- India and China individually estimate about 1000 new cases of retinoblastoma/per year.

## Indirect ophthalmoscopy

- Solitary/ Multiple yellow-white retinal tumors with prominent retinal feeder vessels



**USG** - masses with high reflectivity that block sound and calcification

**Needle biopsy** - rarely done (tumor seeding and orbital invasion)

**CT scan/MRI** - extraocular and intracranial extension

Use of CT scan – now controversial (↑ risk of second non ocular cancer)

*Brenner et al AJO 2001;176:289-296*



# International Classification Of Retinoblastoma (ICRB) OCNA 2005 18:41-53

Group	Quick reference	Specific features	Risk of loss of Eye
A	<u>Small tumor</u>	Retinoblastoma $\leq 3$ mm <sup>a</sup>	Very low risk
B	<u>Larger tumor</u> <u>Macula</u> <u>Juxtapupillary</u> <u>Subretinal fluid</u>	Retinoblastoma $> 3$ mm <sup>a</sup> or macular retinoblastoma location ( $\leq 3$ mm to foveola) juxtapupillary retinoblastoma location ( $\leq 1.5$ mm to disc) additional subretinal fluid ( $\leq 3$ mm from margin)	Low risk
C	<u>Focal seeds</u>	Retinoblastoma with subretinal seeds $\leq 3$ mm from retinoblastoma vitreous seeds $\leq 3$ mm from retinoblastoma both subretinal and vitreous seeds $\leq 3$ mm from retinoblastoma	Moderate risk
D	<u>Diffuse seeds</u>	Retinoblastoma with subretinal seeds $> 3$ mm from retinoblastoma vitreous seeds $> 3$ mm from retinoblastoma both subretinal and vitreous seeds $> 3$ mm from retinoblastoma	High risk
E	Extensive retinoblastoma	Extensive retinoblastoma occupying $> 50\%$ globe or neovascular glaucoma opaque media from hemorrhage in anterior chamber, vitreous or subretinal space invasion of postlaminar optic nerve, choroid ( $> 2$ mm), sclera, orbit, anterior chamber	Very high risk

<sup>a</sup> Refers to 3 mm in basal dimension or thickness.

# Chemotherapy

- Purpose of chemotherapy is chemoreduction.
- Chemoreduction – use of chemotherapy to reduce the tumour size so that local treatment can be applied for ultimate tumour control.
- Chemotherapy alone is never a cure of retinoblastoma and almost always requires intensive local therapy.



# OPEC Regimen

**Oncovin** : alkaloids, interferes with mitosis , blocking metaphase, neurotoxic.

**Cisplatin**: Heavy metal, penetrates cns & bone. S/E highly emetic, ototoxic, renal toxicity, neuropathy.

**Etoposide**: semi synthetic derivative of podophyllotoxin,a plant glycoside. Arrests cell cycle in G2 phase ,causes DNA breaks by affecting topoisimerase II function. S/E G I disturbance, alopecia, leucopenia.

**Cyclophosphamide**: Alkylating agent, cross linkages with DNA strand thereby impairing repair, single most effective drug. S/E alopecia, hge cystitis.

- D0-Vincristine 1.5mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Cyclophosphamide-600mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- D1 –Cisplatin 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- D2 –NIL
- D3 –Etoposide 120mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Repeated every 21 day

# Complications of chemotherapy:

- Febrile episodes
- GI toxicity/anorexia /dehydration
- Septicemia
- Vincristine neurotoxicity
- Myelosuppression (neutropenia + thrombocytopenia )
- Need for blood transfusion
- ?AML (Platinum compound)

# External beam radiotherapy

- Fallen out of favour in many centers
- ↑ risk of dev of nonocular cancers in survivor of germinal RB
- Pt. radiated during first year of life are 2-8 times more likely to develop second cancer than those radiated after the age of one year

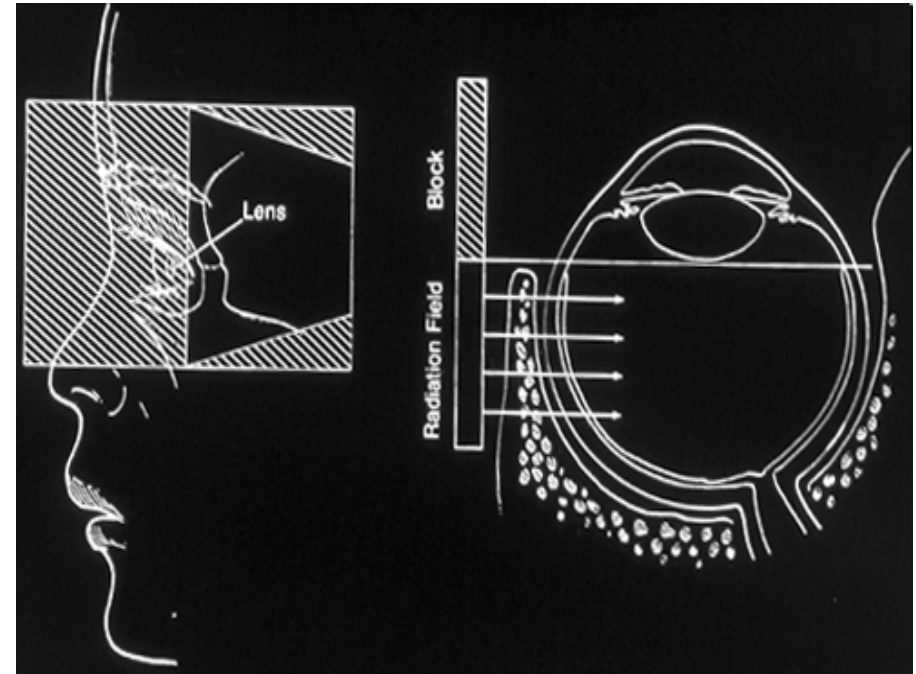
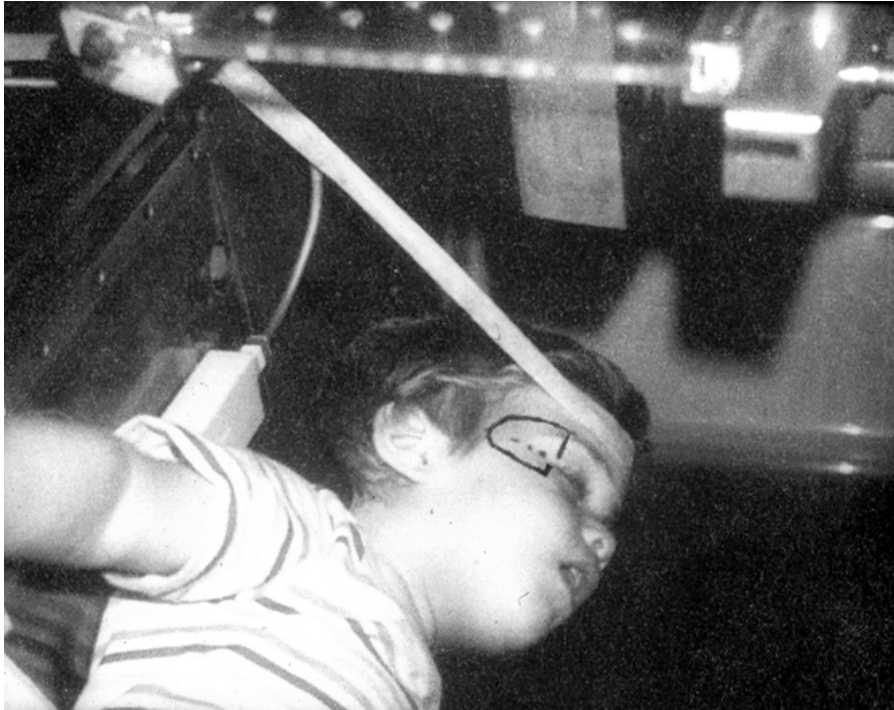
*Abramson et al ophthalmic Genet 2001;108:1868-1876*

- The 30 year cumulative incidence for a second cancer in bilateral retinoblastoma is 35% for patients who received EBR compared with 6% for those who did not

*Roarty et al. Ophthalmology 1988;95:1583-87*

## Indications of EBRT

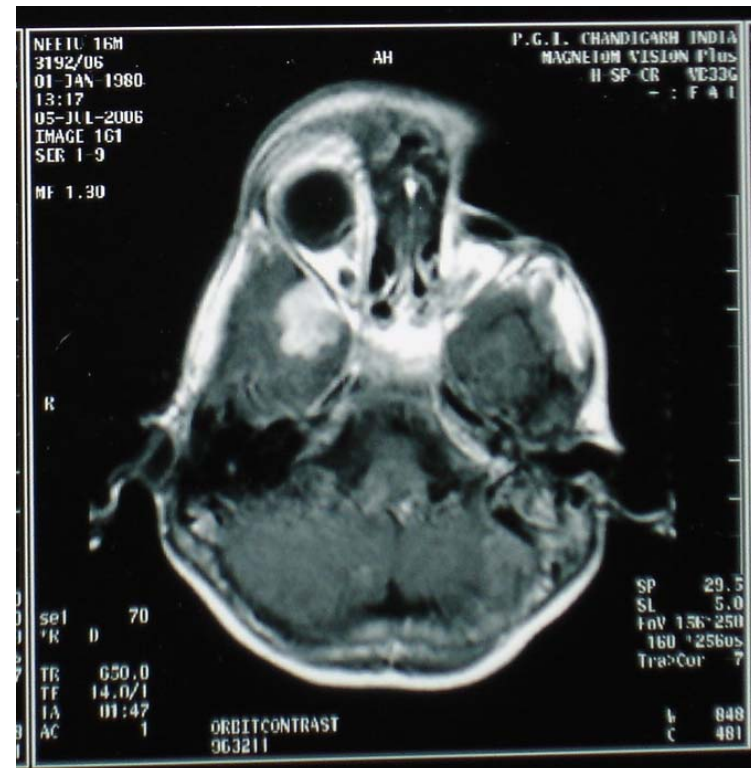
- Tumours located within the macula
- Multifocal tumours, ineffective to local therapy
- Bilateral advanced intraocular disease
- Failure of focal therapy
- Extraocular or metastatic disease along with chemotherapy



40-45 Gy, # 150-200 cGy × 4-5 wks

# EBRT complication

- Mid facial dysmorphism
- Radiation induced dry eye
- Cataract
- Retinopathy
- Optic neuropathy
- Increased incidence of 2<sup>nd</sup> tumors in field of radiation



# Local treatment options for RB

- Laser photocoagulation
- Cryotherapy
- Thermotherapy
- Plaque radiotherapy

# Laser photocoagulation

- Laser- diode ,argon, or xenon arc photocoagulation
- Used as a primary therapy or recurrent/new tumour
- For tumor **4.5 mm or less in basal diameter and 2.5 mm or less in thickness with no vitreous seeds.**
- Tx is directed to **delimit the tumor** and coagulate all blood supply to the tumor
- Two or three session at 1 month interval are usually adequate to control most tumor
- It offers a **70% tumor control rate** and a 30% recurrence rate
- Not used with chemoreduction b/s it causes vascular coag. and minimizes chemotherapy delivery to tumours
- Complication- transient serous RD, retinal vascular occlusion, retinal traction, retinal hole, preretinal fibrosis



# Cryotherapy

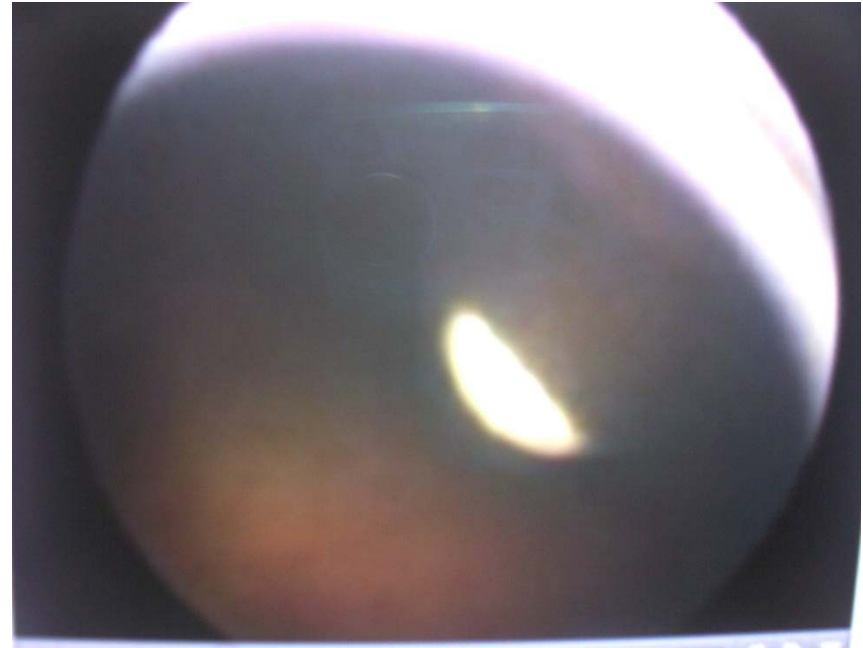
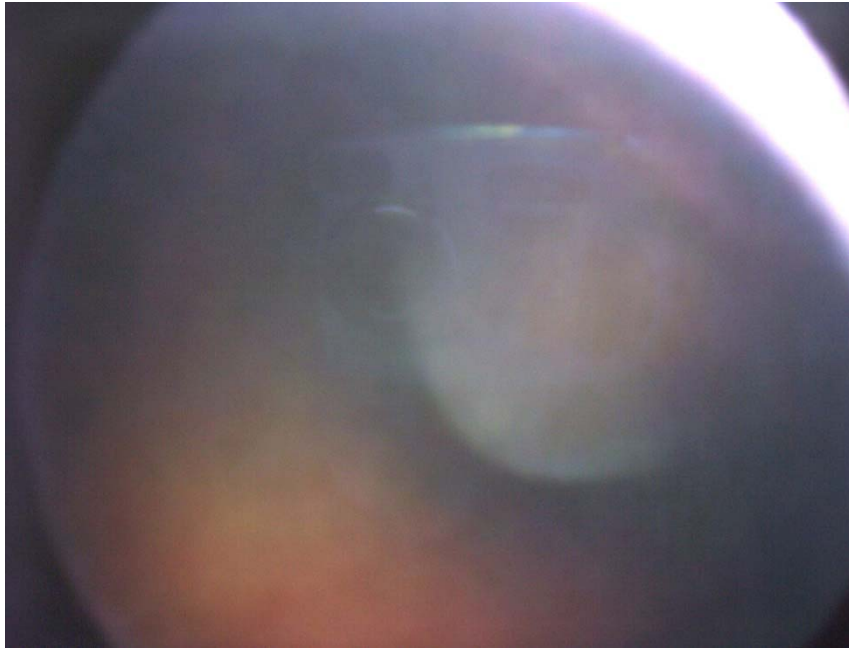
- Useful method for managing equatorial and peripheral small retinoblastoma(3.5 mm/2.0mm thickness without vitreous seeding)
- May be used as a primary t/t or as a sec. t/t for recurrent tumor
- Tumor destruction is usually achieved with one or two session of triple freeze thaw cryotherapy delivered at 1 month interval
- 90% of tumor <3mm D are cured permanently with cryotherapy

*Abramson et al Arch Ophthalmol 1982;100:95-110*

- Cryotherapy administered 24 hour before chemotherapy significantly increased the intravitreal penetration of carboplatin

*Wilson et al Arch Ophthalmol 1996,114:1947-1950*

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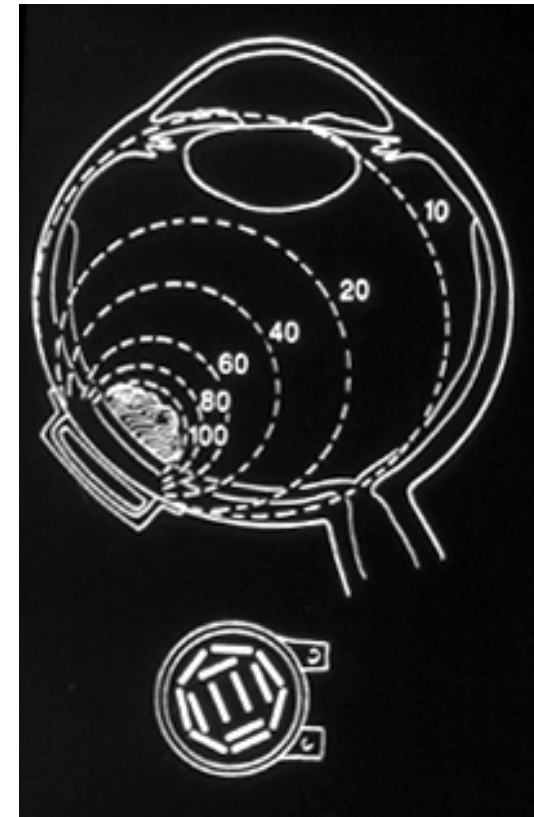


# Thermotherapy

- Method of delivering heat to the eye using ultrasound, microwaves, or infrared radiation
- Applies focused heat directly to tumour at sub photocoagulation levels (42-60°C) → apoptosis of tumor cells
- Peripapillary tumour can be treated effectively with thermotherapy
- Tumour < 3 mm in base & < 2mm in thickness can be treated with thermotherapy alone
- Done by either a transpupillary route (T T T) through operating microscope or an indirect ophthalmoscope system or trans scleral route
- 810 nm infrared laser – 1.6 - 3.0 mm spot x 350-1500 mw x 1-5 minute

# Plaque radiotherapy

- A method of brachytherapy in which a radioactive implant is placed on the sclera over the base of retinoblastoma to irradiate the tumor trans-scleral
- $I^{125}$  is most commonly used
- It requires an average of 2-4 days of treatment to deliver the total dose of 4000 cGy to the apex of the tumor



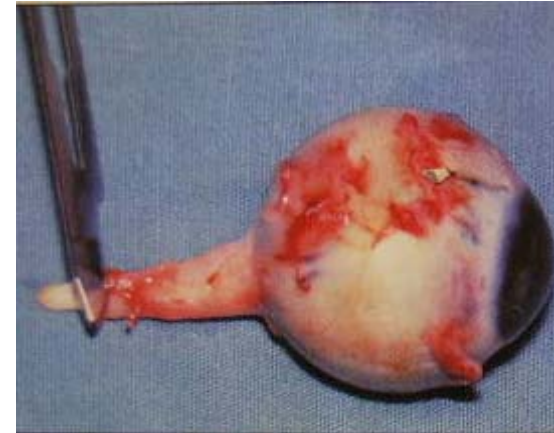
# Enucleation

- **Indications**

- Advanced intraocular disease (stage v)
- Active tumour in a blind eye, eg. long standing RD
- Glaucoma from tumour invasion
- Failure of other treatment
- anterior chamber involvement or choroid,
- optic nerve or orbital tumor extension
- No expectation for useful vision eg. Vit hge

- **Critical elements of surgery**

- Avoiding perforation of globe
- Long stump of optic nerve (>15 mm)



- 1974-1978  
96%

- 1979-1983  
86%

- 1984-1988  
55%

*Shields et al. JPOS 1999; 8-18*

# Management of Advanced Retinoblastoma

- Following Categories are included under the definition of advanced retinoblastoma:
- Group E tumors (International Classification Of Retinoblastoma)
- Tumors with *high risk histopathologic* characteristics following enucleation.
- Orbital Retinoblastoma.
- Metastatic Retinoblastoma.



Thank You

