

# Breaking Down the Eye Exam

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## What will you learn ?

- The basic anatomy of the eye
- Parts of an exam

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## The Anatomy of the Eye

The diagram shows a cross-section of the human eye. Labels on the left side include: conjunctiva, iris, lens, pupil, cornea, conjunctiva, and sclera. Labels on the right side include: choroid, retina, macula, optic nerve, and optic disc. Internal structures labeled include the ciliary body and vitreous body. The anterior chamber is also indicated.

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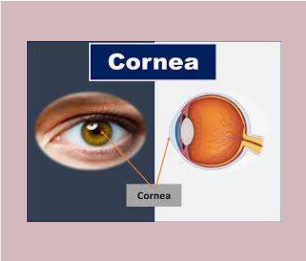
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- **This structure is the most powerful refractive media of the eye**
- Lens
- Cornea
- Tear Film
- Aqueous Humor



The diagram shows a human eye with a callout box labeled 'Cornea' pointing to the outermost layer of the eye. A cross-section of the eye is also shown, with the cornea clearly visible at the front.

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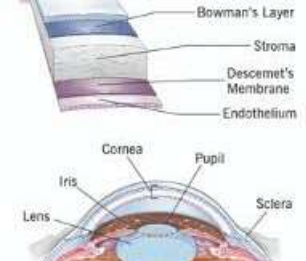
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### Cornea

**The most anterior part of the eye**

- Allows light to enter the eye
- 5 Layers
  - Epithelium , Bowman's Layer, Stromatolites, Descemets membrane , Endothelium
- Avascular



The diagram shows a cross-section of the cornea with labels for its layers: Bowman's Layer, Stroma, Descemet's Membrane, and Endothelium. Below this, a larger diagram shows the eye with labels for the Cornea, Iris, Pupil, Lens, and Sclera.

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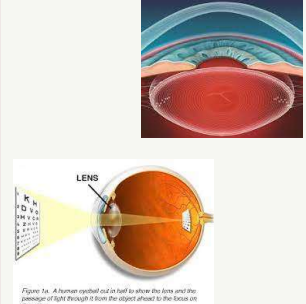
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### Crystalline Lens

**The second most powerful refractive medium**

- Provides the focusing power to the eye
- Allows the eye to focus from distance to near objects ( accommodation )
- Ciliary Muscle alters the shape of the lens
- Change the focal distance to the retina and brings the image into sharp focus
- Cataracts



The diagram shows a cross-section of the eye with a callout to the lens. Light rays are shown entering the eye, passing through the lens, and focusing on the retina. A small diagram shows the lens changing shape to focus on near objects.

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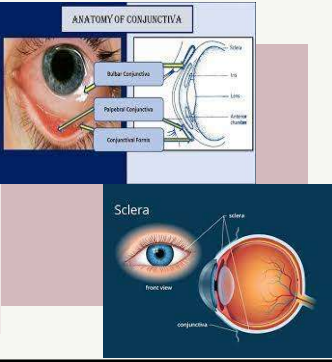
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### Conjunctiva and Sclera

- The Sclera is the white part of the eye that surrounds the cornea.
- It gives shape, structure and protection
- **What portion of the conjunctiva covers the sclera?**
  - Bulbar Conjunctiva
  - Palpebral Conjunctiva
- **What portion covers the inner surface of the eyelids?**
  - Bulbar Conjunctiva
  - Palpebral Conjunctiva



The image contains two diagrams. The top diagram, titled 'ANATOMY OF CONJUNCTIVA', shows a cross-section of the eye with labels for the Bulbar Conjunctiva, Palpebral Conjunctiva, and Conjunctival Fornix. The bottom diagram, titled 'Sclera', shows a front view and a cross-section of the eye with labels for the sclera and conjunctiva.

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### Lacrimal System

#### Glands and Ducts

- Lacrimal Gland supplies the tear to the eye
  - Located Superior temporal to the eye
- Lacrimal Duct is the drainage system for tears to reach the eyes
- Nasolacrimal Duct is the drainage system for the tears to leave the eye
  - The tears enter the puncta to drain out



The diagram, titled 'Anatomy of the Nasolacrimal Apparatus', shows a side view of a human face with the lacrimal system highlighted. Labels include: Lacrimal gland, Excretory lacrimal ducts, Lacrimal sac, Lacrimal lake, and Nasolacrimal duct.

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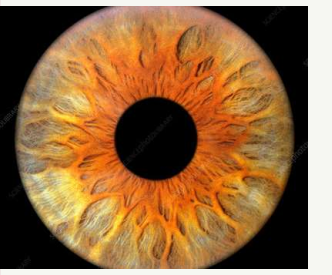
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### Iris and Pupil

#### What's your eye color?

- Iris is the colored part of the eye
- Made up of two muscles
  - Dilator muscle and Sphincter muscle
- The muscles control the center hole- Pupil
  - Allows light to pass through
- Together they control how much light enters the eye



The image is a microscopic view of the iris and pupil, showing the intricate radial and circular muscle fibers surrounding the central pupil.

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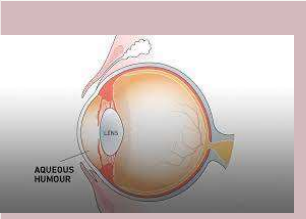
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- **What provides nutrients for the lens and cornea and carries away waste products?**
- Choroid
- Lacrimal Gland
- Vitreous Humor
- Aqueous Humor



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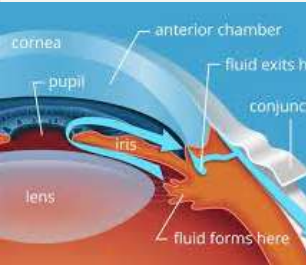
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### Anterior Chamber and Aqueous humor

- Anterior chamber is the area inside the eye behind the cornea and in front of the lens.
- It's filled with the clear watery fluid produced by the ciliary body - Aqueous humor
- Maintains the intraocular pressure
- Also fills the posterior chamber of the eye which lies between the iris and the front of the lens.



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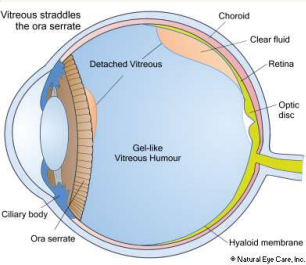
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### Vitreous Humor

**The famous floaters!**

- Vitreous chamber is the largest chamber
- Jelly like consistency
- Helps hold the shape of the eye
- Helps the retina stay in place



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**What part of the retina is responsible for the color vision and clear central vision?**

- Rods Photoreceptors
- Choroid
- Cones Photoreceptors
- Macula

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**Retina**

**How the brain process light**

- Comprised of layers of photoreceptors
- Cones - color and central vision in bright light
- Concentrated in the Macula and foveal center for maximum visual acuity
- Rods - provides black and white vision , motion detection and in dim light and in the periphery
- The images that fall on the nerve cells and then transmitted to the brain , where they are interpreted

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**Choroid**

- Middle layer of tissue found between the retina and the Sclera
- Made up almost entirely of blood vessels
- Supply oxygen and nutrients to the outer part of the retina

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### Optic Nerve

- Carries impulses from the retina to the brain
- Part of the nervous system - CN 2
- Optic disc is the only part of the brain that is visible from the outside



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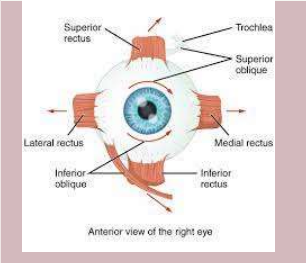
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**Which muscle is responsible for depression, adduction and extorsion?**

- Inferior Oblique
- Inferior Rectus
- Medial Rectus
- Superior Oblique



Anterior view of the right eye

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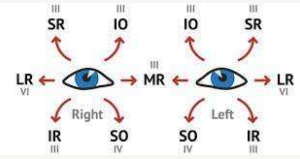
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### Extraocular muscles

**Control the eye movement and alignment**

- **Rectus muscle (4) - attach directly to the eye**
  - Superior : upward movement CN 3, adducts , intorsion
  - Inferior : downward movement CN3, adducts and extorsion
  - Medial : Inward CN3
  - Lateral : outward movement CN 6
- **Oblique (2) do not attach directly to the eye**
  - Superior : intorsion CN4 , depression and abduct , sphenoid bone
  - Inferior : extorsion CN 3 , elevates and abducts, orbital floor



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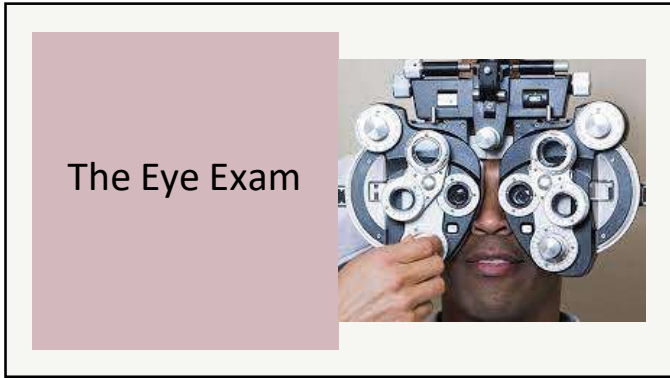
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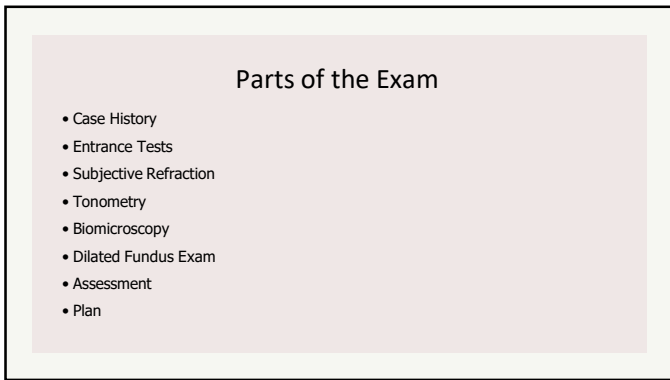
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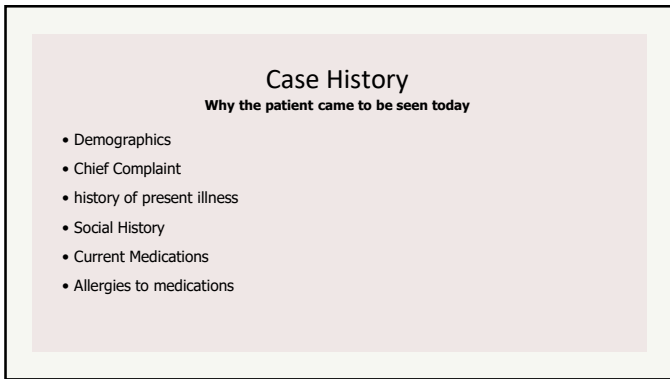
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**Entrance Tests**  
What they are and why we need them

- Lensometry
- Auto Refraction / Retinoscopy
- Pachymetry
- Keratometry
- Topography
- Visual Field
- VA sc/cc
- Cover and Uncover Cover test
- Pupil Testing
- EOMS

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**Lensometry**

- Measure the power of spectacle and Contact lenses
- Measures the sphere, cylinder power and axis , prism and Adds



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**Auto Refraction and Retinoscopy**

- Retinoscopy is an objective measure of the refractive power
- Retinoscope
- Analyze the red reflex in the eye
- Autofraction does the same quicker



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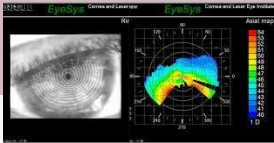
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- **Pachymetry**
  - Measure of the corneal thickness
  - Used in monitor progression in some disorders
  - Access if patient is a good candidate for refractive surgery
- **Keratometry**
  - Measures the curvature of the cornea
  - Estimates the focusing power of the cornea, amount of astigmatism and the evaluating the integrity of the front surface of the eye
- **Topography**
  - Measures a thousand of points across the cornea
  - Used in refractive surgery and fitting of specialty contact lens
  - Diagnosing refractive disorders



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### Essential Prelims

- **Visual Acuity**
  - Measures how much detail the eye can see
  - Snellen letters : Testing distance /and the distance the letter should be read
- **Pupil Testing**
  - Test the reaction of pupils to light
  - Detects abnormalities of the retina , optic never , midbrain
- **EQMS**
  - Measures the function of the eye muscles and nerve innervation
- **Visual Field**
  - Measures what a person can see in the peripheral vision while looking straight ahead
  - Confrontation fields or Automated
- **Cover Test**
  - Examines how the eyes work together
  - Access if there is a deviation and how much

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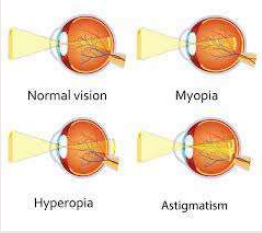
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### Subjective Refraction

**What is the eyeglass prescription ?**

- Uses the patients response to get the best correction for them
- Phoropter contain lenses uses to determine how much power the eye has
- **Myopia** - nearsighted , image is focus in front of the retina , long eye corrected by minus lenses
- **Hyperopia** - far sighted , image behind the retina , short eye corrected by plus lenses
- **Astigmatism** - 2 focal points, found in myopia and Hyperopia , lenses added to the correct axis
- **Presbyopia** - the inability to see clearly at near due to lack of accommodation , begins in the 40s , adding reading glasses



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**Ocular Evaluation**  
**Slit Lamp and More**

- **Biomicroscopy**
  - Magnified view of the ocular structures
  - Fitting contact lenses , checking the health of the front surface as well as the back of the eye uses special lenses
- **Tonomerty**
  - Measures the intraocular pressures
  - Screening for glaucoma
  - NCT vs Goldmann vs Icare



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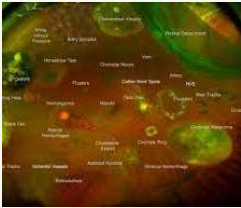
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**Dilated Fundus Exam and Fundus Photography**  
**Evaluating the health of the back of the eyes**

- Dilated Fundus exam requires the pupil to be dilated to get complete look in the back of the eye
  - Blurry vision , photophobia
- Fundus Photography takes a picture of the back of the eye to document the health of the structures of the back of the eye.



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**What did we find and What are we planning to do about it**

- **Assessment**
  - Discussing the differential diagnoses and supporting history and exam findings
- **Plan**
  - What is the management and treatment for each problem found



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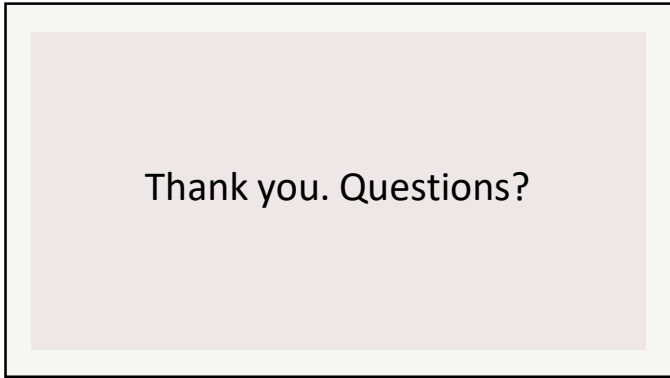
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