Unusual presentation of an Adie-like pupil

Cat's eye pupil

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Figure 1 Close-up shows normal left pupil and tonic right cat's eye pupil



A 55-year-old woman noticed that her right pupil was oddly shaped, associated with a mild ache. Her afferent visual examination, ocular and eyelid motility, and fundi were normal. Her left pupil was round and reactive (figure 1). The right pupil was elongated (points at 11:00 and 5:00) and tonic (figure 2). There was no ocular hypertension or corneal edema. A year later, the pupil shape became triangular; evaluation revealed ocular hypertension without corneal edema, confirming the iridocorneal endothelial (ICE) syndrome. This case is an unusual presentation of a cat's eye Adie-like pupil as the harbinger for ICE syndrome.

An Adie pupil is a benign tonic pupil typically associated with sectoral paralysis of the iris sphincter muscle. ICE syndrome is associated with iris atrophy, glaucoma, and corneal edema; here, there were 2 of the 3 findings. An unusual shape to an Adie-like pupil should suggest the ICE syndrome. Referral to an ophthalmic specialist is warranted.

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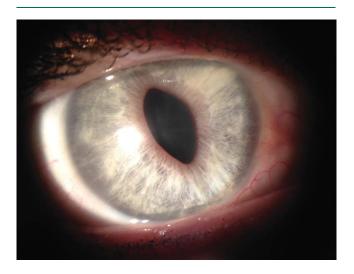
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Figure 2 There was sectoral paralysis of the iris between 12:00 and 4:00 and also from 6:00 to 10:00 with mild thinning of the pupillary ruff on the temporal iris characteristic of an Adie-like pupil



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