# A modern approach to blepharoptosis

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- Frueh's classification of ptosis
  - Aponeurotic

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- Myogenic
- Neurogenic
- Mechanical

Frueh BR. The mechanistic classification of ptosis. Ophthalmology. 1980;87:1019-21.

- What is ptosis?
  - A low upper lid, generally?
     Then we have to include "pseudoptosis"
  - A low upper lid, specifically? Retractor issue

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- Retractor associated ptosisNon-retractor associated ptosis



• Retractor associated ptosis

- Aponeurotic
- Myogenic
- Neurogenic
   Neuro-muscular

Aponeurotic

- Levator aponeurosis is stretched (controversial)
  Normal levator function/strength
- Normal levator function/:
  High lid crease
  Worse on downgaze
  Examples
  Involutional
  Contact lens wear
  Chronic lid manipulation
  Istrogenic
  Surgery (?lid speculum)
  Steroid injection



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• Treatment of aponeurotic ptosis

• Levator advancement

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• Muller muscle - conjunctival resection (MMCR) in those responsive to phenylephrine

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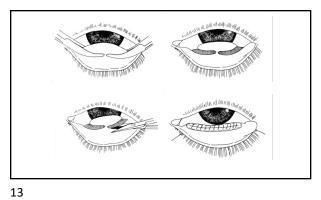


- Posterior approach surgery
  - Fasanella and Servat (1961)
    - Excision of tarsus and conjunctiva
  - Muller muscle-conjunctival resection (1975)
    - Excision of conjunctiva and Muller's





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• Criticisms of posterior approach surgery

• Potential damage to other structures

• Meibomian glands

• Goblet cells

• Accessory lacrimal glands

• Lacrimal gland ductules



















- - Response to phenylephrine
  - Strength of phenylephrine

  - Normal levator strengthCompromised ocular surface
    - Blebs
    - Cornea transplants

- Algorithms
  - If phenylephrine gives desired height, then resect 8.5 mm
  - One millimeter more or less is resected for every 0.5 mm of greater or lesser elevation desired
  - Total resection between 6.5 and 9.5 mm

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- History for aponeurotic ptosis should "make sense"
  - Elderly?

  - Drop use?
     Hard contact lens wear?
     Trauma?

  - Eyelid manipulation?
     Previous ocular surgeries?
  - If it doesn't "make sense", start thinking of other things

- Myogenic ptosis
  - Chronic progressive external ophthalmoplegia (CPEO)

  - Myotonic dystrophy
     Oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy (OPMD)

• Don't rely on levator function to drive you treatment

- Think diagnosis
   Think levator health
- Think progressive disease

 $\bullet$  The fallacy of using levator function as a measure for surgical planning

- Levator function really is a description of position, rather than a movement
  - Distance between the eyelid position in downgaze and upgaze i.e. the distance between two positions Movement should have a component of time Velocity, acceleration, jerk, jounce/snap  $v = \frac{dr}{dt}$

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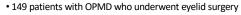
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• The concept that levator function does not accurately reflect levator

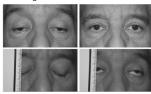
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- 31 patients satisfied the following criteria
   LF ≥ 10 mm

  - No previous eyelid surgery
     Underwent bilateral silicone frontalis sling





Congenital ptosis

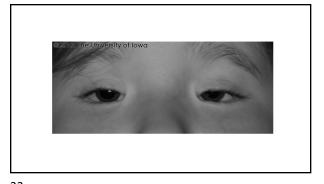
- Isolated Syndromic
- "Mechanical"
  - Neurofibromatosis type 1
     Infantile hemangioma

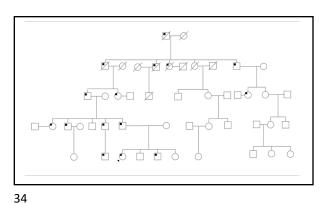
• Syndromic congenital ptosis

- Associated syndrome
- Blepharophimosis epicanthus inversus syndrome (BPES)
   Aberrant innervation/Congenital cranial dysinnervation disorders (CCDD)
   Marcus Gunn jaw winking

  - Congenital fibrosis of the extraocular muscles (CFEOM)

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• BPES

- $\bullet$  Blepharophimosis, ptosis, epicanthus inversus, and lateral ectropion
- Blepharophimosis, ptosis, epicanthus inversus
  Autosomal dominant; 3q22-q23
  FOXL2: winged/forkhead transcription factor
  Significant variability of expression
  Type I: premature ovarian failure in females
  Fresents as primary or secondary amenorrhea
  Female infertility
  Type II: no premature ovarian failure

- · Isolated congenital ptosis
  - Static/non-progressive disease
  - Bilateral vs unilateral
  - Traditionally thought to be a "myogenic" ptosis
    More likely dysinnervation (CCDD)
    I would classify this as neurogenic

- Timing of intervention
  - Presence of amblyopia?
  - Evaluation by pediatric ophthalmology
     Evaluate for other amblyogenic factors
  - Penalization needed?
    - No then delay surgery until after age 2 years, preferably before school
      Yes –
      Response to penalization delay surgery
      No response to penalization proceed with surgery

- Very early intervention
- Severe ptosis Especially if unilateral

- Once intervention is needed, what do we do?
- This depends on

  - Amount of ptosis
     Health of the levator
     Bilateral vs unilateral disease
  - · Presence of amblyopia

  - Age of the patient
     Aberrant eyelid movement

- What clues of levator health do we have in congenital ptosis?

  - Lid crease
    Amount of ptosis
    Imm of ptosis with poor levator strength should not exist
    Likewise, Imm of ptosis with good levator strength should not exist
    Levator function can be difficult to determine
  - Intraoperative appearance of the muscle

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- Mild ptosis (0.5 2 mm)
- Treatment
  - Posterior approach
  - Levator resection



- Phenylephrine testing
- $\bullet \ \mathsf{MMCR} \ \mathsf{if} \ \mathsf{eyelid} \ \mathsf{attains} \ \mathsf{symmetry} \ \mathsf{after} \ \mathsf{phenylephrine}$ 
  - 9.0 mm

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• Less if phenylephrine over-corrects



• If there is a phenylephrine response, but not complete

- Add tarsectomy 2:1 per mm under-correction
  - $\bullet\,$  1 mm for 0.5 mm under-correction

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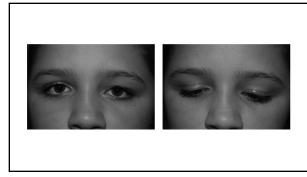
- Maximum of 2mm tarsectomy
   If you do this, you need to be responsible for the reoperation.
   Some difficulty in doing levator resections or frontalis slings on unstable tarsus





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- If no response to phenylephrine for mild (0.5-2 mm of ptosis)
- Levator resection

- Health of the levator muscle
   Should be fair or good
- $\bullet$  Determine the amount of resection
  - Rarely ever less than 15
     Usually at least 20

  - 25 or more for a poor muscle





- Will lean toward levator resection if unilateral
- Will lean toward frontalis suspension if bilateral



- $\bullet$  What clues of levator health do we have in congenital ptosis?

  - Lid crease
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    I mm of ptosis with poor levator strength should not exist
    Ukewise, 3 mm of ptosis with good levator strength should not exist
    Levator function can be difficult to determine

  - Intraoperative appearance of the muscle

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Bilateral severe ptosis with poor levator function
 Treatment: frontalis suspension

Sling or flap



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• Sling materials Early
 Supramid/Prolene
 Silicone
 Gore-Tex
 Donor fascia

- Plan for autogenous fascia at 4-5 years
- Late
  - Autogenous fascia





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• Five principles

- Retroseptal sling
   Tarsal fixation

- Fat conservation
   Skin conservation
   Incorporation of aponeurosis into closure

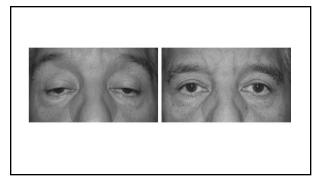


• Lid crease formation

Cosmesis
 Prevention of lash ptosis



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• Go further than retro-septal • Retro-levator • Retro-Whitnall's







Foreign bodies
 Infection risk
 Ease of adjustment



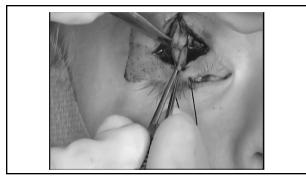
- Fascia
   Little if any infection risk
   Leg incision
   Time
   Risk
   Adjustment

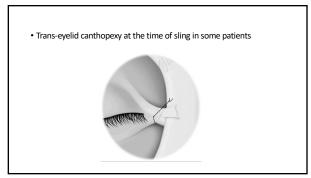


Factor	P-Value
Age	0.50
Gender	0.38
Congenital syndrome	>0.99
Prior hospitalization	0.42
Prior antibiotic use	>0.99
Intra-operative antibiotics	0.03
Soaking in antibiotic solution	0.60
Post-operative antibiotics	0.60
Date of last follow-up visit	0.91



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- Frontalis flap
  - Obviates material issues
     One incision

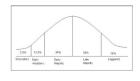
  - No donor site incision
     No age limit?

• I was not an early adopter of the surgery

- I have good results with frontalis suspension
   I had questions of durability
- I was worried about eyelid crease

formation
• I was worried about "lid pop"





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• The weak levator

- "Bypassed" in frontalis suspension surgery
  But, should we still pay attention to it?

- My argument to incorporate it
  It provide a posterior vector of pull
  Prevent lid pop
  It can be incorporated into the lid crease incision closure
  May not be strong enough to lid the lid, but is strong enough to pull a crease

• My problem:

How do I apply these principles to frontalis flap surgery?

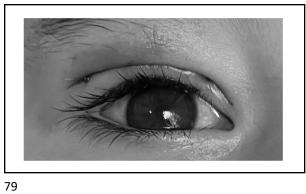
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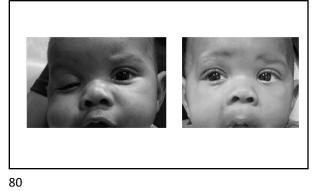




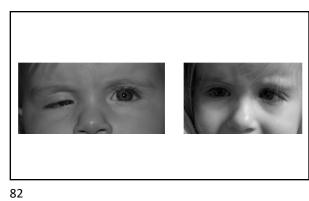


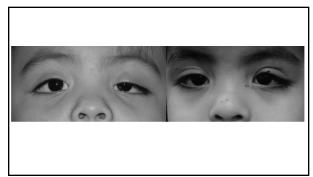
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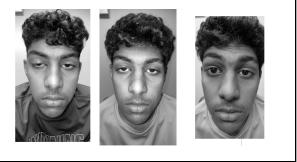












- Much of my treatment now for unilateral congenital ptosis is an intraoperative decision
   Depending on health of the muscle
   Usually consent for both and plan for flap, but may resect levator depending on how it looks intraoperatively
  - $\bullet$  This has led to fewer undercorrections, but more overcorrections.





My decisions with regards to resection is dependent upon my subjective assessment of the muscle intraoperatively.
 This has opened a can of worms.

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Patients who underwent previous frontalis suspension elsewhere, now present for reoperation
 Difficult to assess movement and LF in patients with previous slings.







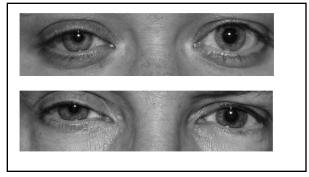
## Neurogenic ptosis

- Anisocoria thank God for my technicians
  - Sympathetic
  - Parasympathetic



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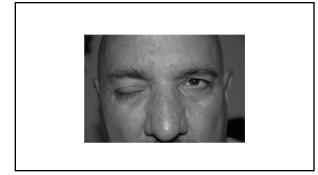


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• Motility deficit

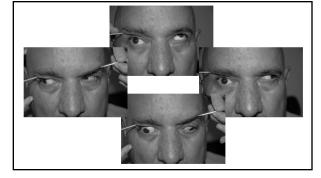
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- Neurogenic
  3rd nerve
  Myogenic
  CPEO
  Neuro-muscular
  Orbital process



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- Fatigability
  - Myasthenia
  - Remember new ptosis or motility deficit in your thyroid patients!

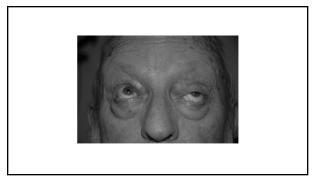


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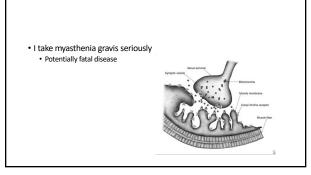


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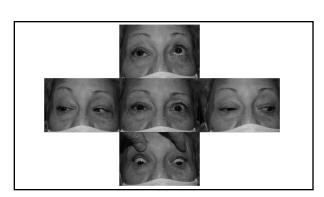
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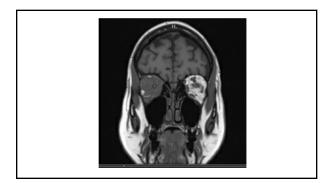
• Non-retractor associated ptosis • I hate the term "pseudoptosis"

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Diagnosis red flags

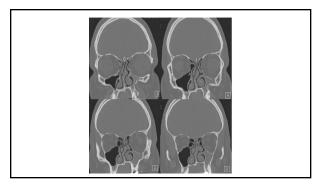
- Enophthalmos
   Facial nerve tonicity
   Look at the entire face
   Take off their mask
   Contralateral retraction

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- Contralateral retraction? Hyperglobus?Hypertropia?



- Concerns in children
  - Lid mass

    - NF-1

       S-shaped upper eyelid

       Hemangioma

       Acquired ptosis at 1-2 months of age

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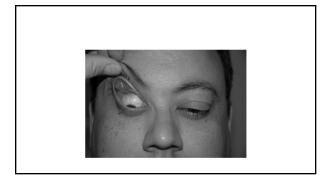
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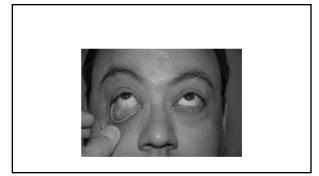
- Acquired ptosis in children
   This gives me anxiety
   I require proof that this was not previously present using old photographs
  - Myasthenia
     Malignancy

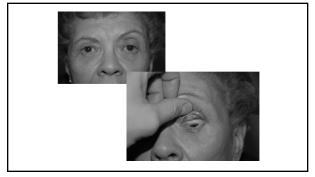
• Exam "subtle"

- Superior sulcus
   Enophthalmos
   Floppy eyelids
   Prostaglandin-associated periorbitopathy
   Evert the lid

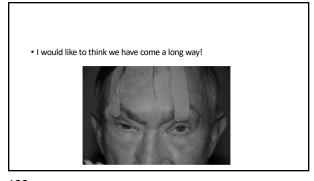


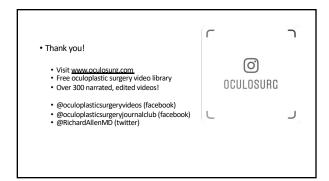


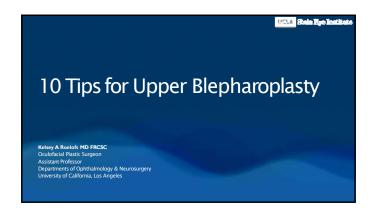










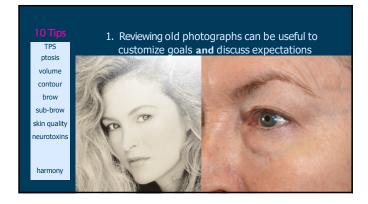




# Objectives To discuss 10 Tips for achieving surgical goals in upper blepharoplasty





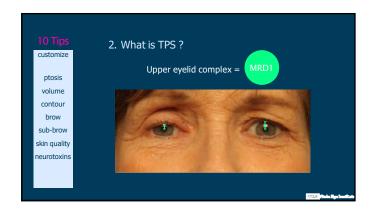


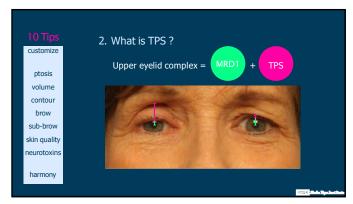


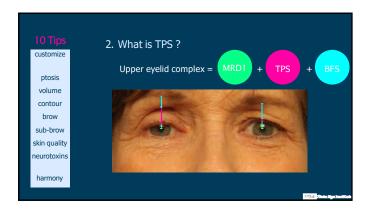


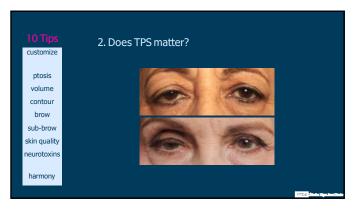


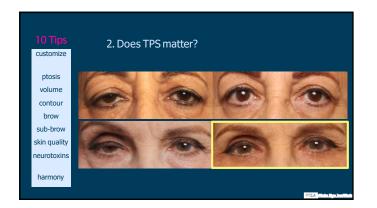


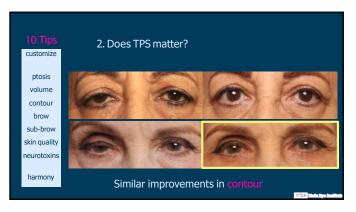


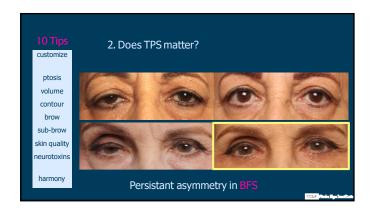


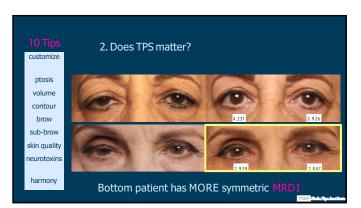


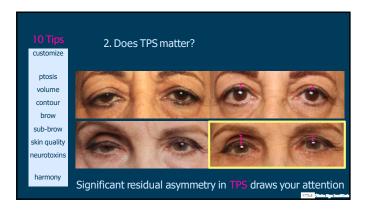


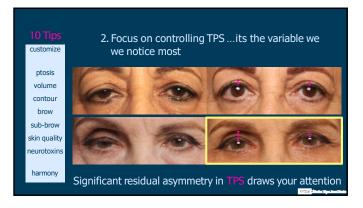
















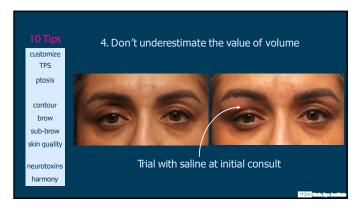












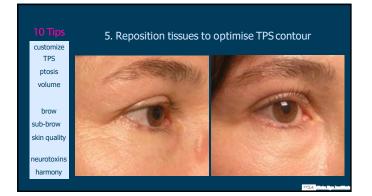




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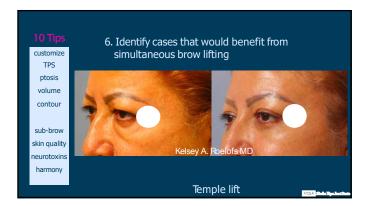


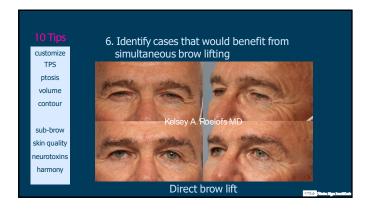






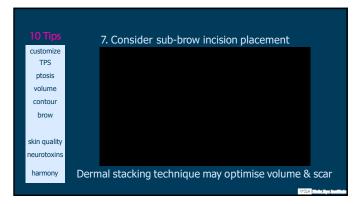




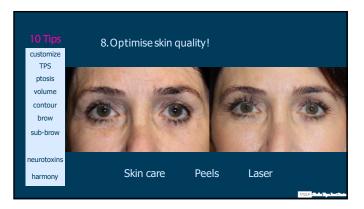


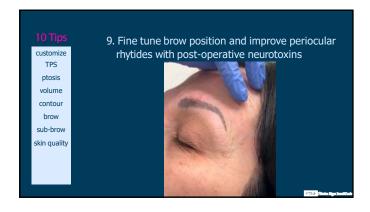


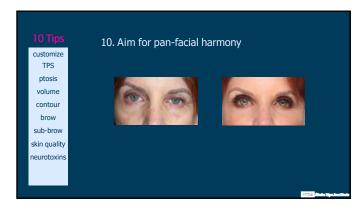






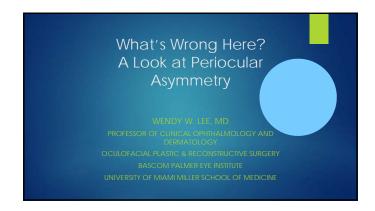




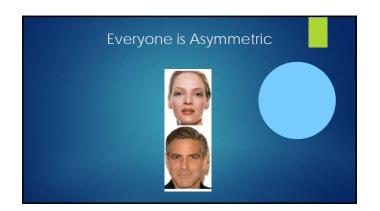


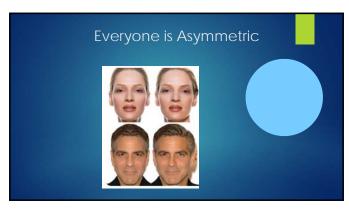


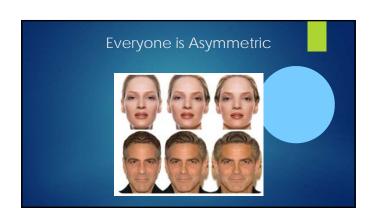


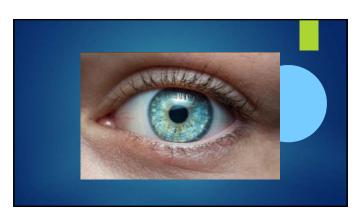




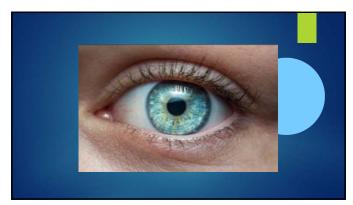














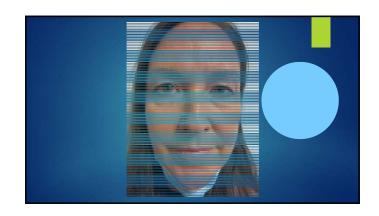














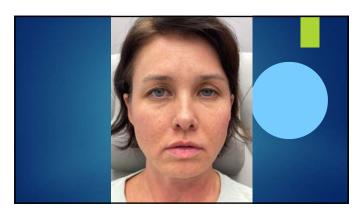




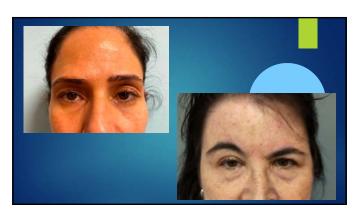




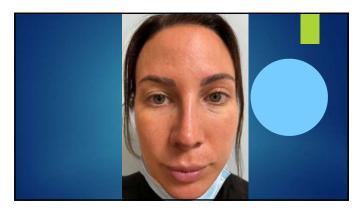




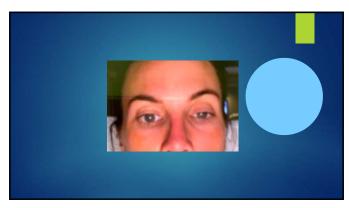


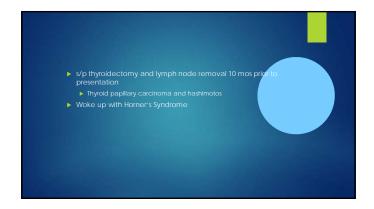




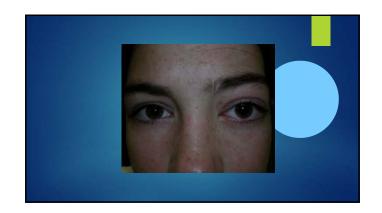




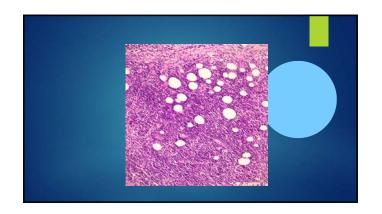


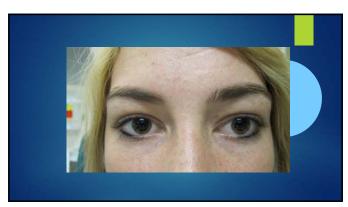




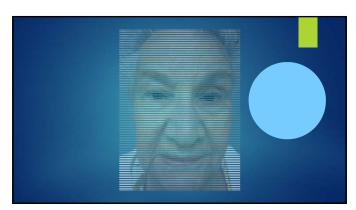




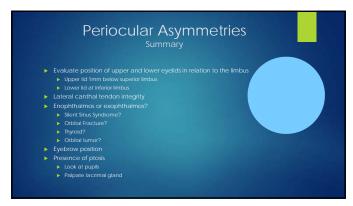


















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To review practical tips for assessing, managing and
referring patients with these conditions

Eyelid Lesions Eyelid Malpositions Orbital pathology

