

Iron at the angle

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Fig. 1.

Clinical context

An incidental finding of a 55-years-old who man presented to eye clinic for conjunctivitis. Further assessment revealed history of ocular trauma 10 years ago while cutting grass. Vision in the right eye was 6/9; the anterior chamber was quiet with normal fundus.

Question 1

Describe the findings in Figure 1.

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Question 2

What are the potential complications of a retained intraocular metallic foreign body?

Answer 1

A triangular shape of metallic foreign body seen at the inferior angle of the eye with localized metallic rust deposition on the adjacent endothelium.

Answer 2

The potential complications of ocular siderosis¹ are the following:

- Cornea: Haziness and granular appearance of the corneal stroma with endothelium.
- Trabecular meshwork: Secondary open-angle glaucoma.
- Iris and pupil: Iris heterochromia, anisocoria, and accommodation failure.
- Lens: Focal rusty-brown nodules of subcapsular cataract and siderosis lentis.
- Retina: Degeneration of the inner retina and retinal pigment epithelium.

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