




Case of Macular Edema of both eyes.

Extensive retinal pigment epithelial and neuroretinal abnormality associated with posterior uveitis.

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- The condition was confirmed by an Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT). Vision was about 70% for distant and 50% for near.





The History

- The child manages to carry on all his activities with ease. He has probably been born with this disease.
- He has never asked us about his problem. He only knows that his eyesight is weak.




History continued

- Around Jan2002 his parents noticed that he was not seeing properly and he was blinking a great deal.
- They went to a number of retinal specialists in India and he was given glasses to wear which he does not find particularly helpful.
- He can work on his computer and can read large print.
- There is no family history of any eye problems other than Myopia.

Doctors opinion

- An ophthalmic surgeon in London then saw him in June 2002 who commented that he has an extensive retinal pigment epithelial and neuroretinal abnormality associated with posterior uveitis.

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- An inherited condition was ruled out and the retinal photographs confirmed that some of the visual loss might be due to macular edema (water logging of the macula) for which Diamox (a drug that reduces intraocular pressure) was prescribed. But there wasn't any significant improvement even with Diamox.

My observations

- Child comes into the clinic. I observed some hesitation on the part of the child to form immediate contact. While I still decide how to build up a rapport with the child, the mother who is a hi-profile corporate person decides to take over.

Mother tells the child.....

- “you see that video camera? It’s like ours. Uncle has decided to make a film out of you. I have just told him that you are the smartest kid I’ve ever known and he wants to show others that there is this smart kid who came to his clinic. Good idea (child is silent) is it a good idea? Yes it is a good idea


My observations...

- the child is very fidgety and sliding down in his seat.
- So he is obviously uncomfortable by that observation. So I don't pursue it for the moment.




History by the mother

- The last 6 yrs his personality has been continuously changing.
- Like he is friendly and not friendly.
- He would like to associate himself only with people he likes. he will not easily go and talk to people.(In a whisper,- he is shy)
- I compare him with my younger one who is very different.
- Over the years he has become less affectionate.

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- He is very shy of hugs and kisses.
 - He doesn't like to give hugs and kisses to momma, which he used to earlier.
 - He feels shy. He feels boys don't give kisses to Mamma.
 - He is restless but he is extremely sharp.
 - He can correlate things that have happened years ago.
 - His memory is good.
 - He gets bored very easily. Cannot sit in one place for long..





- His teachers also tell me, that he is very smart, his vocabulary is very good but he is very restless.
- Even his handwriting. He knows his stuff, but always in a hurry to finish. So he lands up with poor handwriting.
- But a very sensible and sober child. He doesn't trouble us at all.
- He knows he has to get ready to go to school on his own. He will never throw a tantrum.


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- He knows that we have to go to work and we will not be around.
 - He knows he has to take care of his own things and that he has to be on time.
 - He adapts to the situations.


About adapting to situations

- He took the younger one very badly initially. but now he is the one who manages him. He has taken over as an older brother.
- Like if there are other children who are messing around he will be the only one who will not be with them.
- yesterday we had a party down in the hotel. So I asked him would you like to stay alone in the room or would you like to spend time with my colleague's son? He chose to go to to their house even though he doesn't know them at all and he did pretty well with them.

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- He was cool, he just takes over and adapts
 - But a difficult child in terms of not being able to express his emotions.
 - He doesn't talk about his emotion.
 - He will not express himself with kisses and hugs.
 - He is very affectionate but he will not show.
 - He is very fond of his grandparents but the moment they will go away he will not even think about them.


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- He is like a grown up child. He is very careful. “Mamma have you locked the door? Have the bags been kept?” He takes control.

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- I remember when we were getting house white washed and the flooring done and when the electricity goes. It goes onto the inverter and my husband used to be shouting, "switch off, it's on the inverter". I remember this boy also rushing to switch off all the machines and shouting like my husband-the inverter is on. He was only 3-1/2 yrs old then.

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- Otherwise he is very particular but he is messy.
 - He is a garbage collector.
 - Everything he likes to collect. He has 10, 15 bags full of garbage!!
 - He has a lock fetish, loves to lock things, his suitcases are locked, his cupboard is locked. He hides the keys and goes looking for them to make sure they are in the same place where he had put them.




- He gets bored very easily.
- But he can play by himself for hours together.
- They can be destructive with their toys but they can be on their own for hours.
- No supervision is required.
- In spite of the fact that we both work we have a very close knit family and they are doing quite well for themselves.

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- He has a big fan following in the school.
 - Everyone likes him. He is a gentle soul who will adapt himself to any age group, but difficult when he wants to be.
 - I think he has a very strong corner of himself.
 - He has to be prodded to talk about anything first I used to be upset about it, but I have realized that when he wants to talk about it he does it on his own.

Interests of the child

- Have been playing golf since I was 4 yrs old. I attend coaching class at the club.
- Mother- He picks up activities like skating, guitar but leaves them within 2 months. Computers were the only thing he took up very well.
- I spend money because he wants to go but then he has to be coaxed to go.
- He picks up very well but does not want to carry on for long.

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- Golf is the only thing he really enjoys going for.
 - Due to his eye we have to be careful about what sport to send him for.
 - He wants to pick up basketball now.

He is not a competitor but....

- The nice thing about him is that if I ask who is the smartest kid in class, he will say all the names and he also figures in that but may be 5th and 6th in the line who all got maximum stars in the class and he will give me all the names. He is very fair about it.



Dreams

- He gets bad dreams.
- Then he says the Gayatri Mantra prayer.
- He is scared. And refuses to go to sleep on his own.



When I grow up.....

- want to be an astronaut & can go to the space.



He gets angry when.....

- Whatever he gets that boy wants.(action of snatching) then when he's angry, he will hit with anything. (Action violent)
- With a bat, with his hand and his hands are very tough.
- He really gets violent for that moment, becomes irrational then. But this happens very rarely.
- Mostly he controls his anger

More about his locking habit

- He is very possessive of all his bags.
- Even now he is carrying a bag which is his own.
- He will allow me to keep my things too in it.
- He will always keep it locked. We are not allowed to check it ever



More about his nature

- By and large will take care of him, make him cross the road, takes him to the toilet, ties his shoelaces.
- He diverts his younger brother if he is crying or I don't want him to do anything.
- He behaves much older than his age.
- Takes care of his things.
- He will hug while making sure that no one is watching.



Working of case-

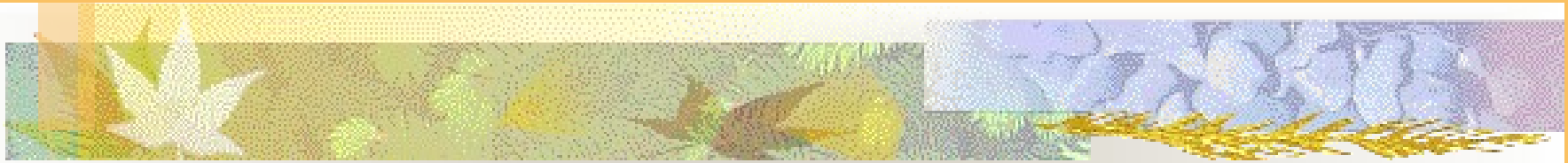
- Very structured in his routine and habits
- Theme of security and protection from robbers
- Controlled emotions
- Physical strength
- Locks
- Visual disturbances
- Garbage collector



Metal remedy themes-

- First line of metals
- Threat of losing position of security
- Towards the right of the periodic table
- Trying to remain secure
- Ringworm miasm


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THEMES / RUBRICS

- Attack and defence (**strength**)
- Protection(**underdog,locks**)
- Performance
- Controlled emotions(**hardness and detached**)
- Manufacture of defence weapons such as Armour plating.

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- Policeman with shining badge(Sankaran)
 - Nickel – unique ability to remember its past .
 - Duty and ego.
 - Success through strict order(Scholten)
 - Dreams teeth falling out.
 - Dreams head cut off.
 - Asthenopia(**weak eyesight**)



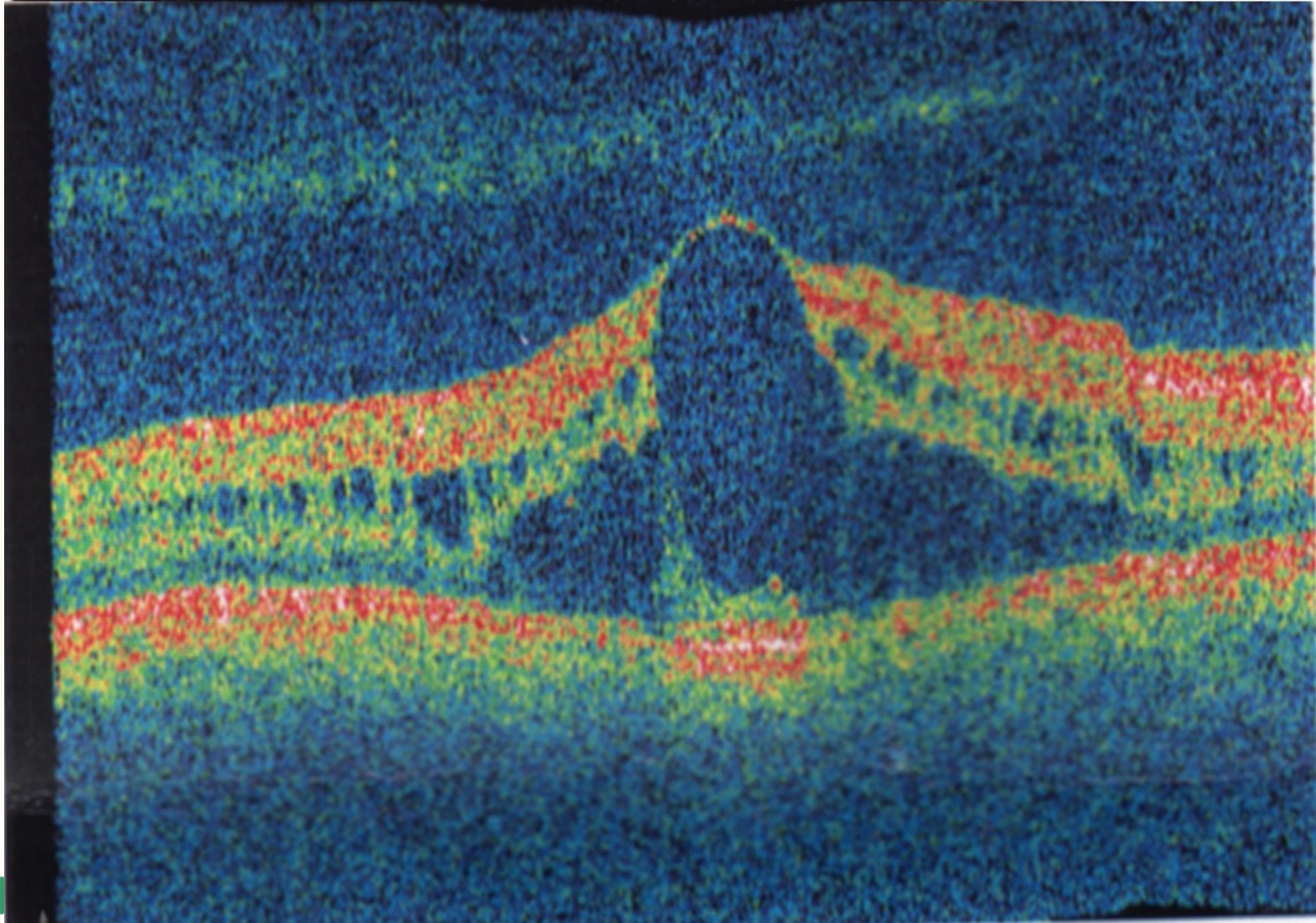
Case summary

- O.C.T. – results show decreased size of Macular cyst which co-relate well with decreased hyperopia of approx +2.00 D.S. either eye.

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Before Treatment



After Treatment

