CHOC Children's Business Development Virtual Pediatric Lecture Series Vision Screening: Refresher for Primary Care Clinicians

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Vision Screening: Refresher for Primary Care Clinicians



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- Development of Vision
- Measurement of Visual Acuity in a Child
- Recognition and Management of Common Pediatric Ocular Disorders



Development of Vision

Newborns

- Difficult to arouse
 - Pupillary response
- Visual acuity not fully developed
- Fixation present





Development of Vision

<u>4 Months</u>

- Focus on smaller objects
- Alignment of the eyes becomes stable
- Begins development of depth perception
- Able to look from near to far and back again



Development of Vision

8 Months

- Adult-like clarity
- Good depth perception
- Prefer close, see distant
- Vision = 20/100
- VEP vision = 20/20





Measure of Vision in Infants

Quantitative

- Preferential Looking test
- Optokinetic Nystagmus
- Visual Evoked Potential

Qualitative

• Fixation and Following





Preferential Looking Test

Infants prefer to look at patterned stimuli rather than uniform one







Teller's Visual Acuity Cards

Cards shown in descending order of graded stripes determine response by child's behavior to stimuli





Optokinetic Nystagmus

Objects passing across the field of vision producing a pursuit movement followed by a refixation saccade





Visual Evoked Potential



- Scalp electrodes record EEG over occipital cortex
- Stimulus (checks in this picture) are flashed
- Computer extracts stimulus-related EEG signal



When Should Children Have Their Eyes Checked?

Ocular Symptoms

- Crossed or misaligned eyes after 4 months
- ➤White pupil (Leukocoria)
- ➢Enlarged corneas
- Persistent tearing or discharge
- Drooping of the lid (ptosis)
- Dancing eyes (nystagmus)
- >Unequal pupil or eye size





At Risk Children

- Systemic disease: NF-I, Batten's Disease
- Family history: High Myopia
- Low birth weight
- Maternal drug use









When do you have their eyes checked?



AAP Policy Statement

- Children should have an age appropriate assessment for eye problems in the newborn period and then at all subsequent well-child visits
- Early detection and prompt treatment of ocular disorders in children is important to avoid life-long visual impairment



VISION SCREENING

Goal of vision screening is to detect subnormal vision or risk factors that threaten visual development, preferably at a time when treatment can be initiated to yield the highest benefit.



Newborn Evaluation

- Check for External Eye Abnormalities
- Pupil Examination
- Red Reflex Examination













Etiology of Cataracts in Childhood

- Inherited
 - Autosomal Dominant
- Metabolic
 - Galactosemia
- Chromosomal Trisomy 21
- Intrauterine Infections TORCH infections

Trauma

Steroid Induced

Renal Diseases Lowe's, Alport Muscular Diseases Myotonic Dystrophy



Pediatric Cataracts







Intrauterine Toxoplasmosis

Down's Syndrome Galactosemia (Oil droplet cat.)



Pearls

- Despite best T/t 1/3 rd U/L cataracts have poor visual prognosis
- U/L cataract is challenging: Surgery after 6 weeks of age is less likely to result in good VA
- Early diagnosis and prompt management
- Any doubt about the reflex, immediate referral to Ophthalmologist



Congenital Cataract and its Removal





12-36 Months

- Check for External Eye Abnormalities
- Pupil Examination
- Red Reflex Examination
- Ocular motility assessment
 - -Ocular movements in all gazes
 - -Cover test
 - -Hirschberg test
- Visual Acuity Testing: Photoscreening





Eye Movements in All Gazes Dissociated Vertical Deviation





Photoscreening







- Strabismus
- NLD obstruction
- Horner Syndrome
- Ptosis
- Failed Vision screening



36 months - 5 years

- Check for External Eye Abnormalities
- Pupil Examination
- Red Reflex Examination
- Ocular motility assessment
 - -Cover test
 - -Hirschberg test
- Visual Acuity Testing (preferred) or Photoscreening



Visual Acuity Referral Guidelines

- 2- 3 years: recognize optotypes on 20/50
- 3-4 years: recognize optotypes on 20/40
- Beyond 4 years: Better than 20/40
- VA \leq 20/40 OU beyond 4 years
- 2-line discrepancy between the eyes.



Strabismus



Misalignment of Visual Axis of one eye relative to other



Strabismus Classification

Direction of misalignment



Esotropia



Hypertropia



Exotropia



Accommodative Esotropia

Underscores the importance of dilated eye exam with retinoscopy in every child with strabismus







Head Tilt from Superior Oblique Palsy





Torticollis from Strabismus





FACE TURN FROM NYSTAGMUS





Strabismus Surgery on Oblique and Recti Muscle





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Congenital Third Nerve Palsy





Primary Gaze Alignment POD#7





Decompensated Esotropia and Diplopia "Excessive Convergence"

Large Angle Esotropia



Excellent Alignment Post-op







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- <u>Decrease in BCVA</u> in one or both eyes
- No <u>apparent</u> organic abnormality
- Lack of stimulation of the <u>immature</u> visual pathways



Causes of Amblyopia

Precipitating factors

- Strabismus
- refractive error
- stimulus deprivation





Management of Amblyopia

- Correct precipitating factors
 - i.e. surgery, glasses
- "Stimulate" eye
 - occlude or penalize normal eye
- Treat in <u>first decade</u> of life; ideally as young as possible





Congenital Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction

Onset within first few weeks of birth

Symptoms

Epiphora

Mattering (mucopurulent discharge)

Rarely conjunctivitis





Treatment of Congenital Dacryostenosis

- Spontaneous resolution occurs in most
- Medical treatment may include topical antibiotics, massage
- Surgical treatment (nasolacrimal duct probing)
 usually wait until after 1 year of age
- Balloon Dacryoplasty





Criggler's Massage

Steps of Massage

- -Trace the inferior orbital rim
- -Feel the MCT
- -Occlude the inferior canaliculi
- -Squeeze towards the
- second molar





Dacryocystocele









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PRACTICE INFORMATION

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