ANATOMY

DEVELOPMENT OF THE EYE AFTER BIRTH



- At birth, the eye is relatively large in relation to the rest of the body.
- The eye reaches full size by the age of 8-13 years.
- The lens continues to enlarge throughout the life.
- The iris has a bluish color due to little or no pigment on the anterior surface.
- During early infant life, the cornea & sclera can be stretched by raised IOP → enlargement of the eye.

The coats of the eye

*** Three layers:

- The outer: inelastic coat, transparent cornea and opaque sclera.
- The middle, vascular coat, The Uvea: choroid, ciliary body and iris.
- The inner: The Retina, extends forwards to within 6 mm of the limbus.

The Chambers of The Eye

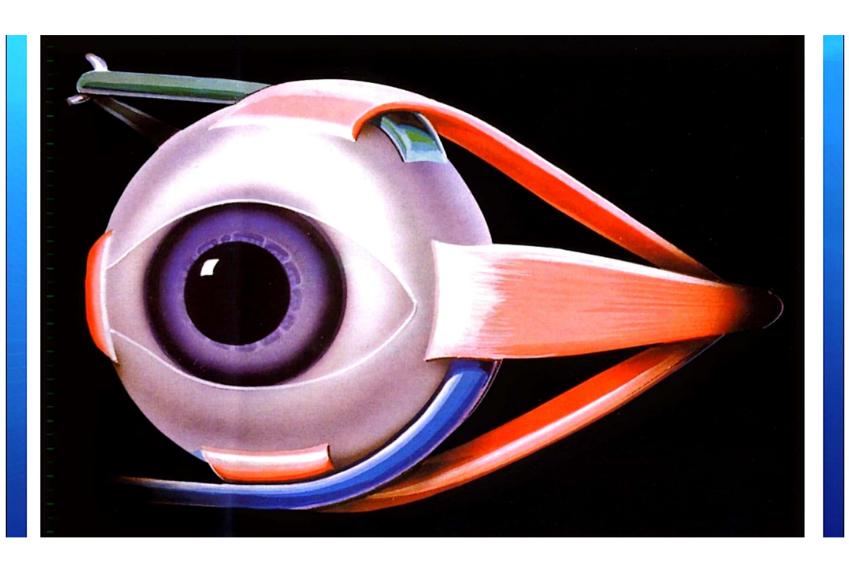
***Three optically clear spaces:

- The anterior chamber, in front of the iris
- The posterior chamber, immediately behind the iris. These two chambers which communicate through the pupil are filled with clear aqueous humour.
- The vitreous cavity: filled by gel-like structure, The Vitreous.

Optics of the Eye

The eye is like a camera. Light must have a clearly pathway to be clearly focused on the sensory receptors of the retina, i.e., Clear cornea, anterior chamber, lens and vitreous cavity.

The Refractive power of the eye is about 58 - 62 diopters.



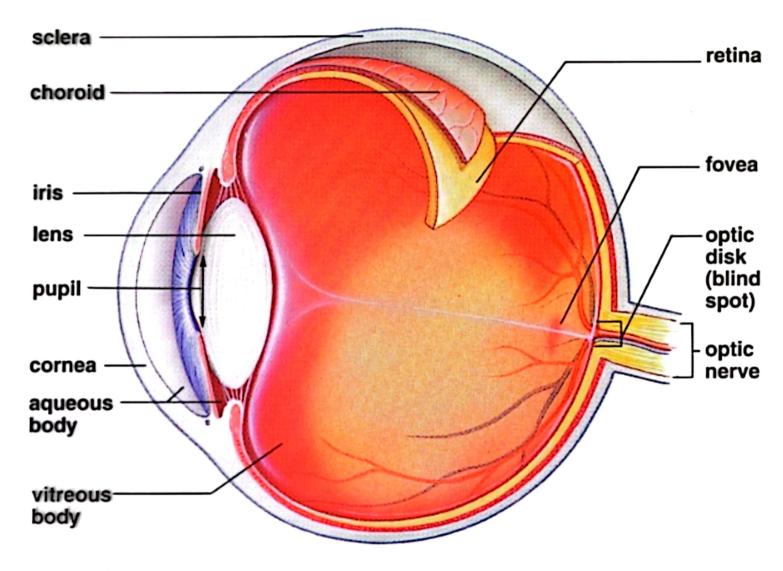


Fig. 32.30 Structure of the human eye.



