

Keratoconus: A Progressive Eye Disease

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Abstract

Keratoconus a progressive eye disease associated with corneal thinning and bulging resulting in blurred vision nearsightedness and irregular astigmatism. It is less common than other eye diseases like macular degeneration, cataract, glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy and hence often goes undiagnosed and neglected. However, its incidence is on the rise in tropical countries like India and hence warrants renewed interest among ophthalmologists, optometrists and ophthalmology researchers. The following review summarizes the current knowledge on the etiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and therapeutic interventions for keratoconus.

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