

Crystalline Lens Subluxation Following Blunt Head Trauma

Luxação do Cristalino Após Traumatismo Cranioencefálico Contuso



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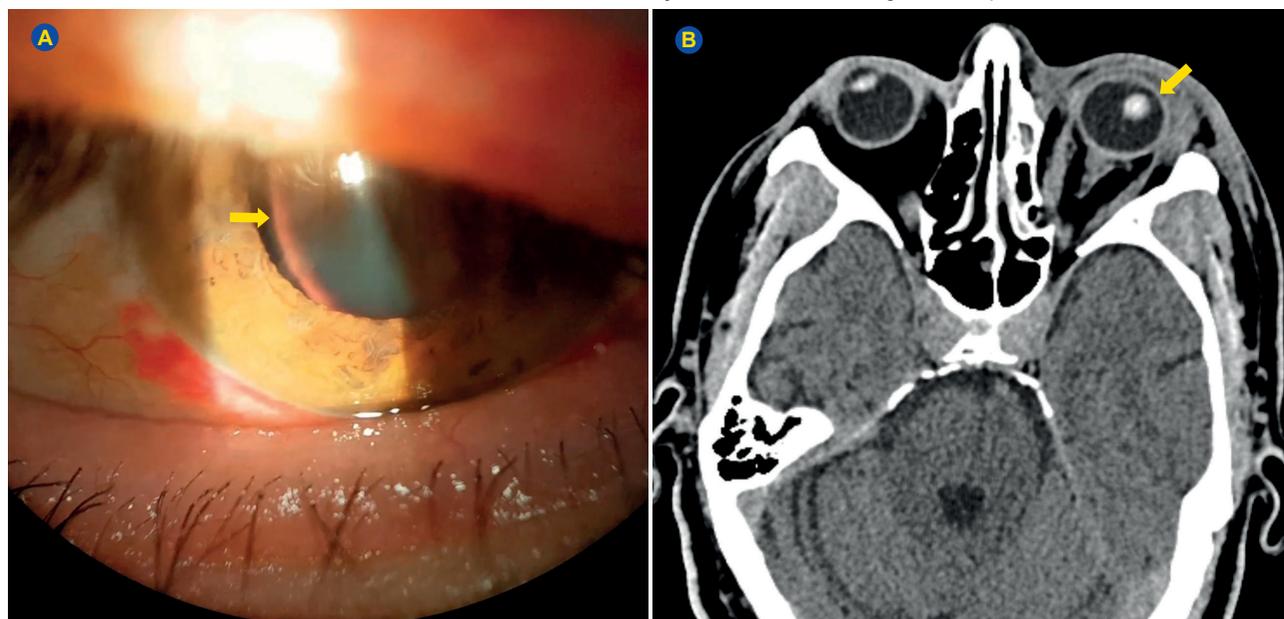


Figure 1 – Slit lamp examination (A) and head computed tomography scan (B, arrow) revealed posterior subluxation of the crystalline lens in the left eye

A 40-year-old man was referred to the emergency department after being hit on the head with a glass bottle during a robbery. He complained of left-sided ocular pain and blurred vision that worsened when lying down. Physical examination revealed periorbital swelling, left-sided ptosis, and normal extraocular movements. Slit lamp examination revealed a small subconjunctival hemorrhage and a mobile lens (phacodonesis) in the left eye (Fig. 1A). Head computed tomography (CT) revealed posterior subluxation of the left crystalline lens (Fig. 1B). The patient was promptly referred for surgical correction of the subluxated lens.

Lens subluxation is a rare complication of head trauma. Blunt orbital trauma can generate anteroposterior eye expansion and tearing of the zonule fibers, which attach the crystalline lens to the ciliary body, leading to partial or complete lens luxation following head injuries.¹ Management of lens subluxation typically involves surgical lensectomy and intraocular lens implantation.¹⁻³ Appendix 1 (see Appendix_01: https://www.actamedicaportuguesa.com/revista/index.php/amp/article/view/12418/Appendix_01-Video.mp4) contains the full video of the intervention.

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