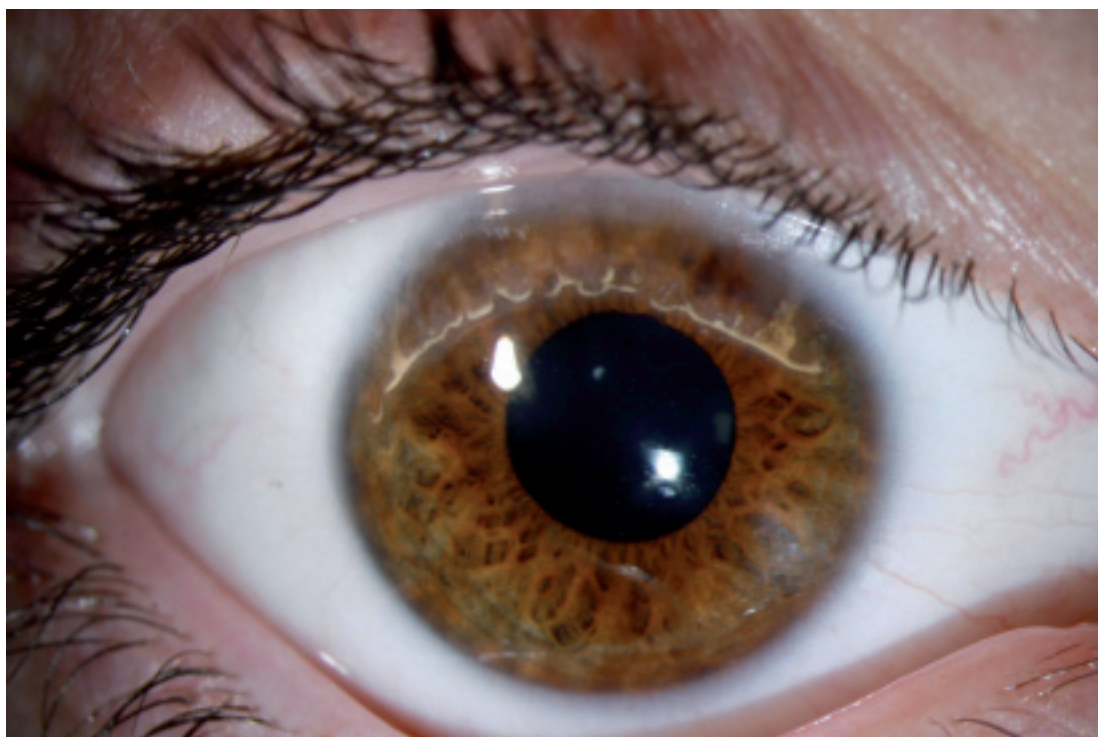


TERRIEN MARGINAL DEGENERATION

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Terrien's disease is an uncommon (Terrien himself saw only three cases in thirty years of practice) corneal condition characterized by vascularization, opacification, lipid deposition, and thinning. With progression, large degrees of astigmatism occur and perforation is a threat. One-third of cases exhibit an inflammatory component. While typically described as a disease of middle to late age, this case of a boy of 14 years old indicates that the disease may also be seen in children.



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