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Open angle glaucoma: Causes of open angle glaucoma and prevention

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Glaucoma has been one of the world's greatest challenges in medicine. Glaucoma is a group of eye related diseases which causes damage to the optic nerve and in the long run affecting vision or causing vision loss. Open angle glaucoma is damage to the optic nerve, usually caused by high intraocular pressure. Open angle glaucoma falls under the types of glaucoma. There are typically no early warning signs or painful symptoms of open angle glaucoma. It develops slowly and sometimes without noticeable sight loss for many years. Open angle glaucoma is the most common form of eye diseases. It is known to cover about 90% of eye related diseases in respect to glaucoma. The risk of being affected is high with African, American or Latino. People with diabetes and cardiovascular diseases stand a high risk too. The drainage angle formed by the cornea and iris remains open, but the trabecular mesh work is partially blocked. This causes pressure in the eye to gradually increase. This pressure gradually damages the optic nerve. Main aim is to create awareness or enlighten people about open angle glaucoma. It is recommended that individuals or persons before age 40 should check for Open Angle Glaucoma (OAG) every two to four years, age 40 to 54 every one to three years, 55 to 64 every one to two years and after age 65 every six to twelve months, even though in cases of high risk, it is recommended much more frequently. With this analysis, we can deduce that risk of OAG increase with age. A regular program of moderate exercise will benefit your overall health and studies have shown that moderate exercise such as walking or jogging three or more times every week can have an intraocular pressure lowering effect. Spinach and other green leafy vegetables or supplements rich in antioxidants can also help with OAG due to presence of vitamins C, E, A and zinc which is good for protecting vision. Treatment of OAG may differ from one patient to the other in Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT), Drainage Implant Surgery and Nonpenetrating Surgery in severe cases.

Biography

Abraham Nai had completed his degree and is pursuing his masters from the National University of Pharmacy. He has participated in a research work on tattoos and their side effects on cells of the human body. Currently he is working with Professor Filiptsopva Olga Volodymyrivna on tissue culture.

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