

Four Basic Types of Glaucoma

1. Open angle glaucoma

- Develops gradually, as the drainage portion of the eye becomes less efficient.
- Often symptom-less, it is usually detected during routine eye examinations.

2. Closed angle glaucoma

- Less common; the acute form develops suddenly and is usually characterized by blurred vision, severe eye pain, headache, rainbow colored rings around lights, nausea and vomiting.

3. Secondary glaucoma

- Occurs because of something that happened to the eye (e.g., injury, inflammation, or disease).

4. Congenital glaucoma

- Present at birth.

In addition to these four basic types of glaucoma there is also a rare condition known as **normal tension glaucoma**, where glaucoma develops even though the intraocular pressure is not consistently elevated but remains at a higher level than is tolerated by the optic nerve.

Common Signs & Symptoms of Glaucoma

- Inability to adjust eyes to darkened rooms
- Loss of vision
- Blurred or foggy vision
- Rainbow-colored rings around lights

Check with your eye care professional if you experience any of these symptoms. Remember, glaucoma often occurs with no symptoms.

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