

Sarcoma of the Optic Nerve Sheath.

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The patient was a healthy boy aged thirteen, suffering from proptosis which had been gradually increasing for six or eight months. The left eye projected three-eighths of an inch in front of its fellow, but was freely moveable; tension was normal, pupil active, and vision 5/12. On deep pressure with the finger at the lower outer angle of the orbit a sensation of resistance could be made out. Diagnosis was made of a tumour within the muscle cone, probably attached to the optic nerve but not implicating it.

Kronlein's operation was performed, when a tumour was found attached to the optic nerve sheath for about three-quarters of an inch. No division of the muscles was necessary and the tumour was easily stripped off the sheath. The tumour was found to be an encapsulated round-celled sarcoma. After replacing the bone and closing the wound, the eye went back into position and retained its movements as before.

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