

GLAUCOMA DRAINAGE IMPLANTS COMPLICATIONS & CHALLENGES

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Complications of Glaucoma Drainage Implants

Intraoperative

- Too large entry opening (leakage around the tube with hypotony) Iris, cornea, or lens damage
- Corneal entry of the anterior chamber tube
- Scleral perforation (during implant fixation)
- Hyphema
- Ciliary body separation, and bleeding with sulcus insertion

Early postoperative

- Excessive filtration
- Tube blockage with iris, vitreous, blood, or fibrin
- Early postoperative elevation of intraocular pressure
- Intraocular inflammation
- Malignant glaucoma
- Hyphema
- Vitreous hemorrhage
- Suprachoroidal hemorrhage

Late postoperative

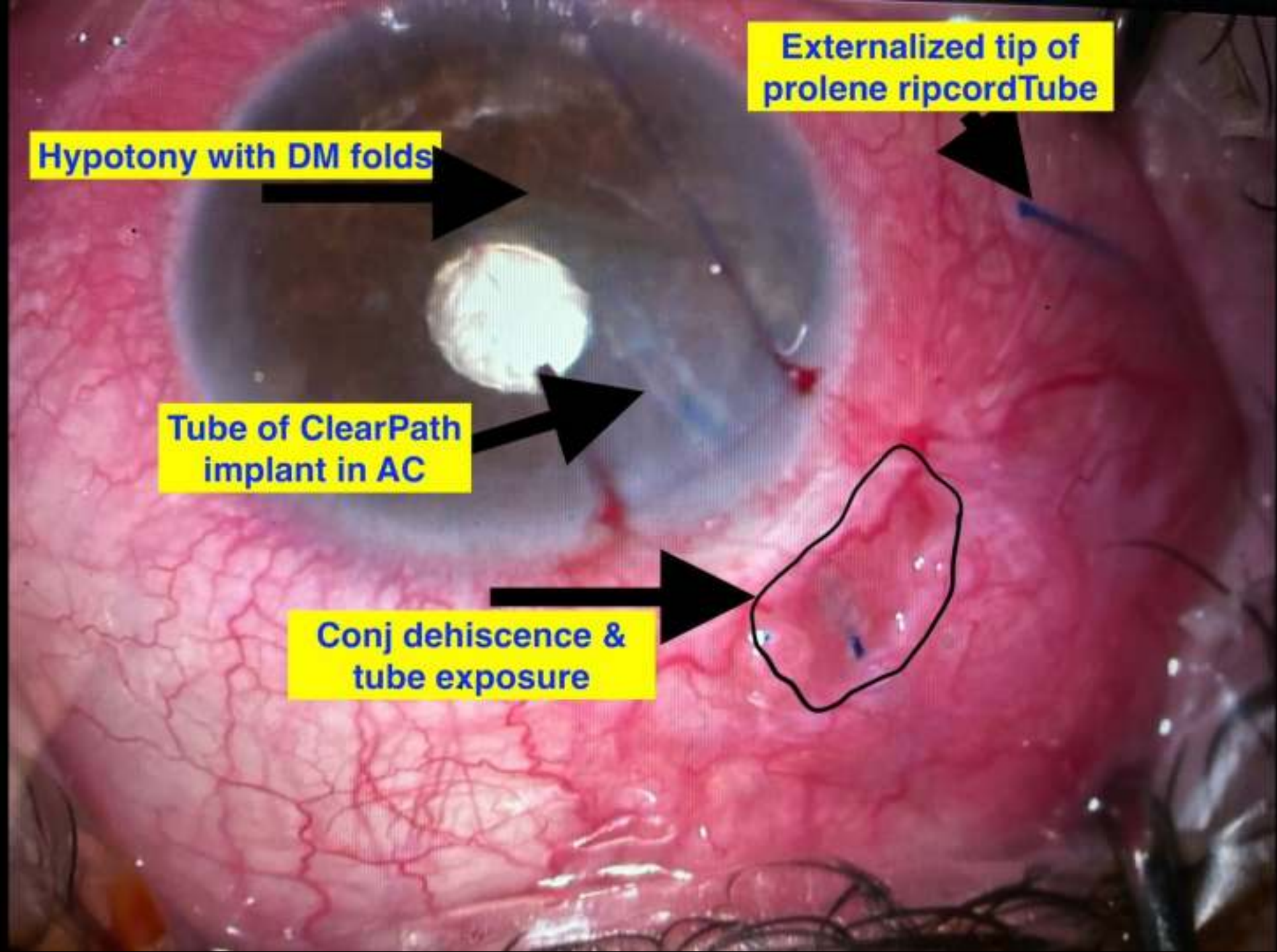
- Late tube-cornea touch
- Corneal decompensation and graft failure
- Tube movement: Tube migration or Exteriorization
- Conjunctival breakdown over the tube or implant
- Motility disturbance and diplopia
- Fibrous encapsulation around implant
- Cataract formation/progression
- Late failure with increased IOP

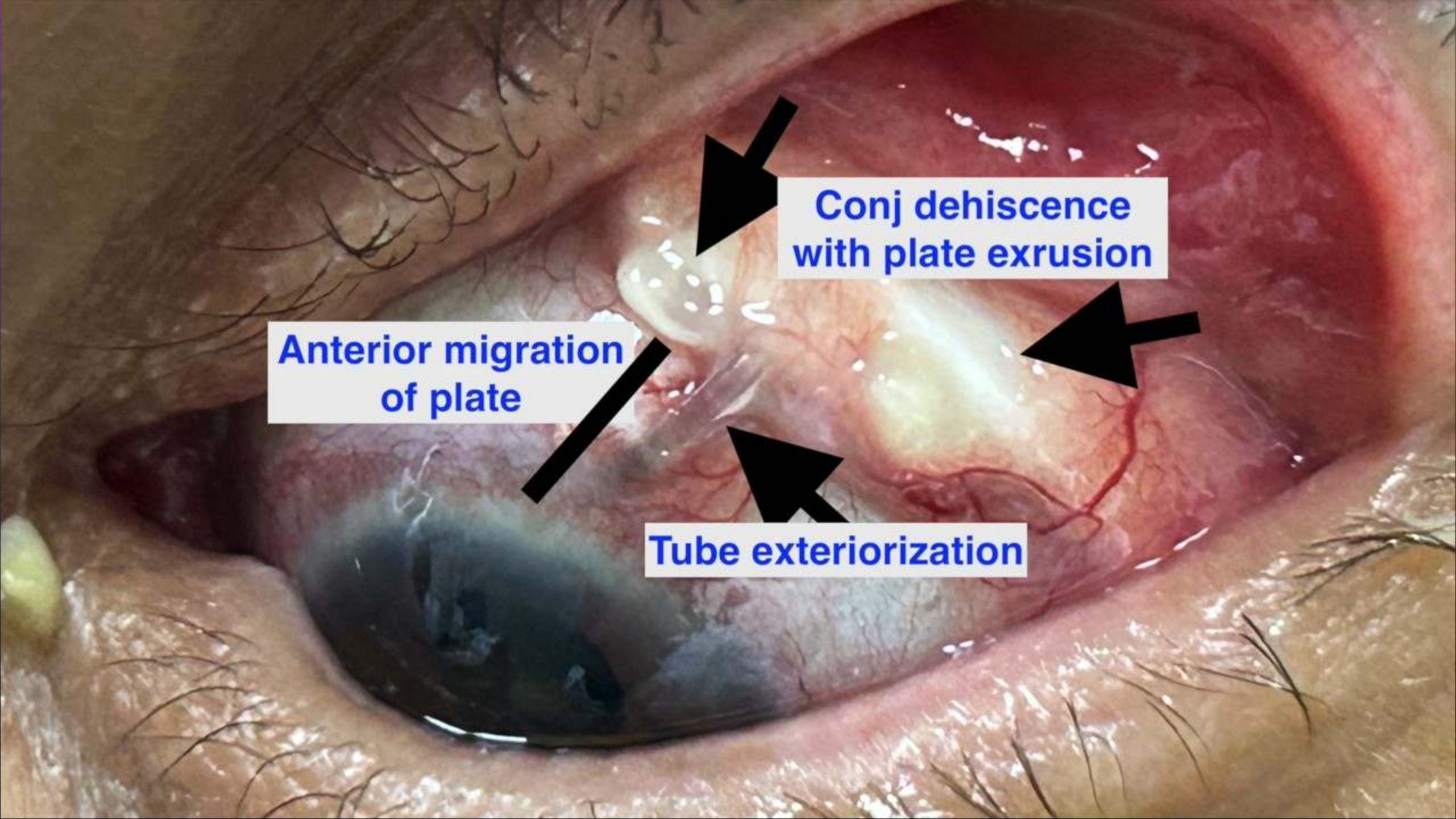
Hypotony with DM folds

Externalized tip of
prolene ripcordTube

Tube of ClearPath
implant in AC

Conj dehiscence &
tube exposure





**Conj dehiscence
with plate extrusion**

**Anterior migration
of plate**

Tube exteriorization

GDIs in challenging situations

Graft vascularization

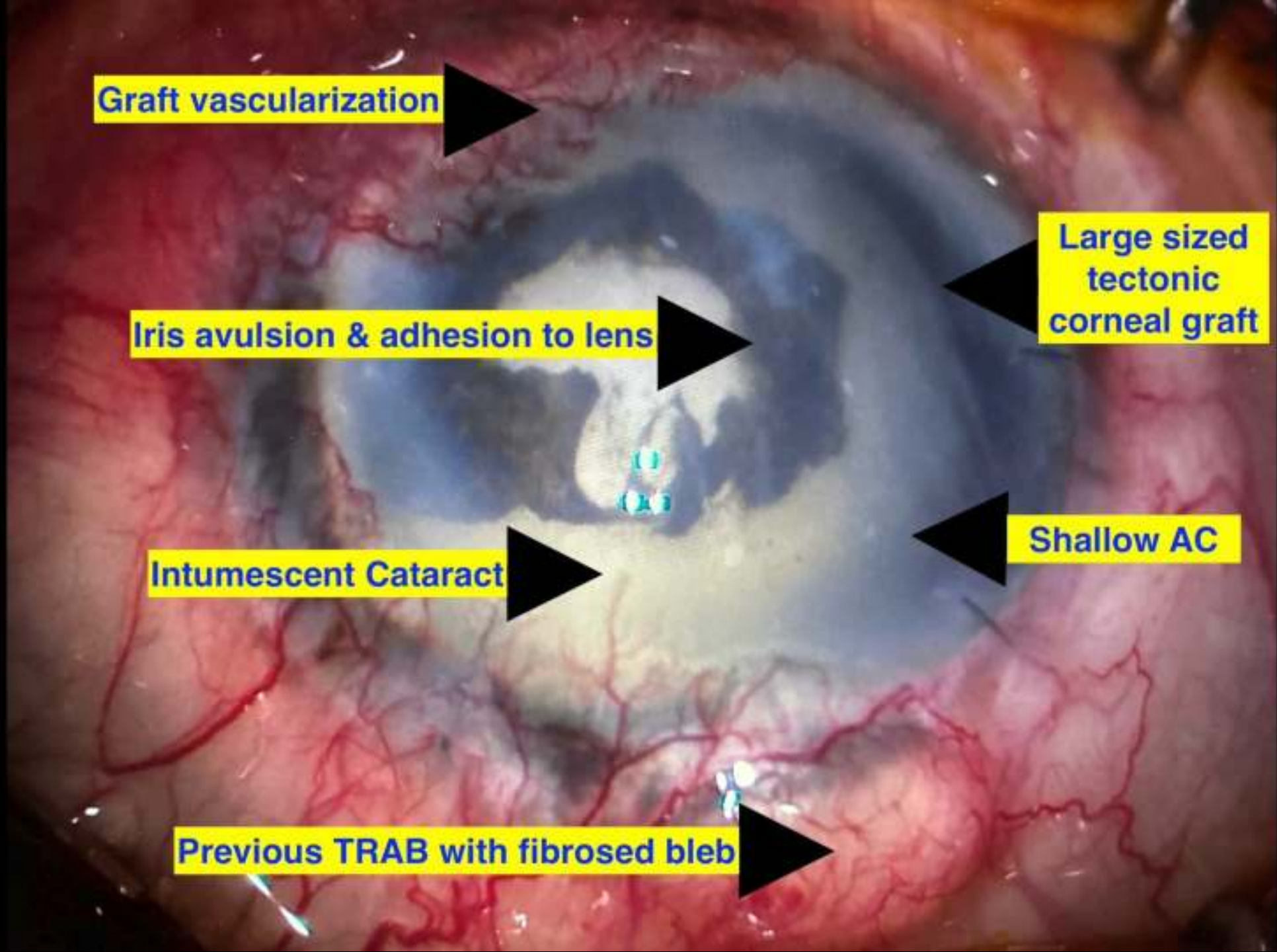
Iris avulsion & adhesion to lens

**Large sized
tectonic
corneal graft**

Intumescent Cataract

Shallow AC

Previous TRAB with fibrosed bleb



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