Congenital Disorders of the Optic Nerve

Excavations and Hypoplasia

Optic Disc Coloboma

- Abnormal fusion of the optic cup
- Sporadic or inherited

Associations

- CHARGE association (coloboma, choanal atresia, congenital heart disease, and multiple other abnormalities)
- Walker- Warburg syndrome
- Goltz focal dermal hypoplasia
- Aicardi syndrome
- Goldenhar syndrome
- Linear sebaceous naevus syndrome
- Dandy Walker malformation
- Renal coloboma syndrome (with a mutation of PAX2 transcription)

Morning Glory Anomaly

congenital optic disc dysplasia

Associations

- Typically isolated
- transphenoidal enchephalocele and hypopituitarism
- Retinal detachment
- Subretinal neovascularization

Peripapillary staphyloma

disturbance of peripapillary scleral development

Associations

Usually isolated and unilateral

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 - frontonasal displasia with encephalocele
 - · facial capillary hemangioma
 - linear nevus sebaceous syndrome

Optic Nerve Hypoplasia

see entry Optic Nerve Hypoplasia

Optic Disc Cupping in Periventricular Leukomalacia

- disturbance of development of the white matter during intrauterine development can lead to optic disc cupping and thinning of the neuroretinal rim
- May be the result of trans-synaptic degeneration

References

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