

# Dacryoadenitis

- inflammation of the lacrimal gland (main or accessory)

## Etiology

- Infection
  - Viral most common
    - Epstein-Barr most common
    - Adenovirus
    - Varicella Zoster
    - Herpes Simplex
    - Rhinovirus
    - Cytomegalovirus
    - Mumps
  - Bacterial
    - Staph aureus
    - Streptococcus
    - Tuberculosis
  - Fungal
  - Parasitic
- Autoimmune
  - Thyroid eye disease
  - [Sjögren's syndrome](#)
  - IgG4 related disease
  - Granulomatosis with polyangiitis
  - Idiopathic orbital inflammation
  - Sarcoidosis
- Neoplasms
  - Lymphoma
  - Adenoid cystic carcinoma
  - Pleomorphic adenoma

## Symptoms and Signs

- Symptoms
  - Pain in the superior lateral orbit with touch or eye movements
  - Droopy upper lid
  - Difficulty opening lid
  - Eye redness
  - Diplopia
  - Malaise

- Signs

- tenderness, edema, erythema, induction in superior lateral orbit
- lid ptosis
- conjunctival injection with or without chemosis
- regional lymphadenopathy
- proptosis
- limitation of ocular motility
- Vision loss rare
- Fever

## Testing

- Imaging

- CT orbits- for adults and older children
- Chest radiograph (if considering sarcoidosis)
- MRI orbits- for children and in recurrent disease in adults

- Laboratory studies to consider

- CBC with differential
- ESR and/or C-reactive protein- evaluate inflammatory response
- Conjunctival swab for viral PCR
- ANA
- SSA/SSb antibodies
- Serum IgG4
- Thyroid function test
- Thyroid autoimmune antibodies

- Biopsy

- transeptal or trans-conjunctival biopsy of lacrimal gland in severe, persistent (>3months) or recurrent case

## Treatment

- Surgery for abscess or mass

- Antibiotic for bacterial infection

- Consider first

- Augmentin
- Cephalexin

- If not responsive consider covering for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
  - Ciprofloxacin or other fluoroquinolone
  - Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole
  - Clindamycin
  - Vancomycin

- Oral Corticosteroids for idiopathic cases

- Methotrexate or rituximab for refractory cases

- Orbital radiation for refractory cases

# Resources

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