

# Pediatric Metabolic Diseases with Ophthalmic Signs

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# Principles

- Congenital Metabolic Pathway Errors
  - Most = Absent Enzyme Function
  - Usually Recessive Inheritance
  - Carriers have reduced enzyme function

# Principles

- Many of these conditions have known causative genes
- Many have treatments that are most effective when instituted early
  - Clinical trials
- Any biochemical pathway can be affected and cause disease
- Neonatal screening in the US catches many of these conditions but State by State variations exist

# Iowa Neonatal Metabolic Screening Program

- [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/genetics/neonatal\\_parent\\_page.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/genetics/neonatal_parent_page.asp)
- Biotinidase deficiency
- Galactosemia- GALT, GALE
- Amino Acid disorders
- Fatty Acid Oxidation disorders
- Organic Acid Disorders
  - Errors in intermediate steps in metabolism of amino acids, carbohydrates and fats

# Multi-system Diseases

- Diagnosis and Treatment requires a team approach
  - Genetics/ Metabolic specialist
  - Nephrologist
  - Neurologist
  - Orthopedist
  - Otolaryngologist
  - Nutritionist
  - Ophthalmologist

# Classifications of Metabolic disorders

- Small Molecule Disorders
- Carbohydrate Metabolism  
Mucopolysaccharidoses, galactosemia
- Protein Metabolism  
Cystinosis, gyrate atrophy
- Lipid Metabolism  
Sphingolipidoses, Refusm disease
- Nucleic acid Metabolism  
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome
- Prophyryn metabolism  
Porphyrias
- Metal metabolism  
Wilson Disease
- Organelle Disorders
  - Lysosomal disorders  
Sphingolipidoses, mucopolysaccharidoses, gangliosidoses
  - Mitochondrial disorders  
Kearns-Sayre syndrome, Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy
  - Peroxisomal disorders  
Adrenoleukodystrophy

# How do I remember this Stuff?

- Memorize
- Note System
- Personal Wiki

# Ocular Structure Affected

- Cornea
- Lens
- Retina
- Optic nerve
- Oculomotor



# Corneal Deposits

- Lysosomal disorders
  - Mucopolysaccharidoses
  - Mucopolysaccharidosis IV
  - Glycoproteinoses
  - Fabry disease
  - Cystinosis
- Errors of lipid metabolism
  - Familial hypercholesterolemia
  - Lecithin-cholesterol acyltransferase deficiency (complete LCAT deficiency)
  - Fish-eye disease (partial LCAT deficiency)
- Errors of amino-acid metabolism
  - Tyrosinemia type II
- Errors of copper metabolism
  - Wilson disease

# Cataract

- Lysosomal disorders  
Glycoproteinoses
- Errors of sugar metabolism  
Galactosemia  
Sorbitol dehydrogenase deficiency
- Errors of amino-acid metabolism  
D1-Pyrroline-5-carboxylate synthase deficiency
- Peroxisomal disorders  
Peroxisome biogenesis defects  
Rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata
- Errors of cholesterol metabolism  
Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (cholestanol lipidosis)  
Mevalonate kinase deficiency (classic form)  
Conradi-Hünermann syndrome  
Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome
- Mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation defects
- Errors of copper metabolism  
Wilson disease

# Diseases with Ectopia Lentis

- Marfan syndrome
- Weill-Marchesani syndrome
- Homocystinuria
- Hyperlyseemia
- Sulfite oxidase deficiency
- Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type 1

# Cherry Red Spot

Frequent	Occasional
GM2 gangliosidosis type IB (Tay-Sachs)	GM1 gangliosidosis, type I and II
Galactosialidosis	Neimann-Pick disease
Sialidosis Type I and II	Farber Lipogranulomatosis
	Metachromatic leukodystrophy

# Retinal Degeneration

- Errors of lipid metabolism
  - Abetalipoproteinaemia
  - Peroxisome biogenesis disorders (Zellweger spectrum)
  - Isolated  $\beta$ -oxidation defects
  - Refsum disease
  - LCHAD deficiency
  - MTP deficiency
  - Sjögren-Larsson syndrome
- Errors of lysosomal functions
  - Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses
  - Mucopolysaccharidoses: except Morquio dz
  - Mucopolidosis IV
  - Krabbe disease (late onset)
- Errors in mitochondrial energy metabolism
  - Kearns-Sayre syndrome
- Errors of copper metabolism
  - Menkes disease
- Isolated retinal degeneration
  - Gyrate atrophy
- Others
  - Cobalamin C disorder
  - Congenital disorders of glycosylation

# Optic atrophy

- Errors in mitochondrial energy metabolism
  - Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy (young adults males)
  - 3-Methylglutaconic aciduria type III (Costeff optic atrophy syndrome)
- Leukodystrophies
  - Krabbe globoid cell leukodystrophy
  - Metachromatic leukodystrophy
  - Canavan disease
  - Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease
- PEHO syndrome (Progressive encephalopathy with edema, hypersarrhythmia and optic atrophy)
- Friedreich ataxia
- Behr syndrome

# Ocular motor findings

Disorder	Disturbance of eye movement
Gaucher disease (type 2&3)	Horizontal and vertical gaze palsy
Neimann-Pick type C	Vertical gaze palsy
GM2 gangliosidosis B, (Tay-Sachs)	Vertical gaze palsy
Abetalipoproteniemia	Horizontal and vertical gaze palsy
Respiratory chain Disorders- Kearnes-Sayre, Leigh's syndrome, CPEO	Ophthalmoplegia
Neurotransmitter disorders (tyrosine hydroxylase deficiency & others)	Oculogyric crisis
Wilson Disease	Oculogyric crisis, upgaze palsy

# Lysosomal storage diseases and Early Corneal Clouding

- Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I)

- Clouding by 6 weeks possible
- Progressive visual impairment- retinal degeneration
- Psychomotor delay, acholrydria- absent gastric acid
- MCOLN1 gene mutation, codes for mucolin-1
- 70%-80% have Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry

- Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I)

- Clouding by 6 months in severe cases
- 3 subtypes; Hurler MPS I-H, Hurler-Scheie MPS I-H/S, Scheie MPS I-S (most to least severe)



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# Hurler Syndrome

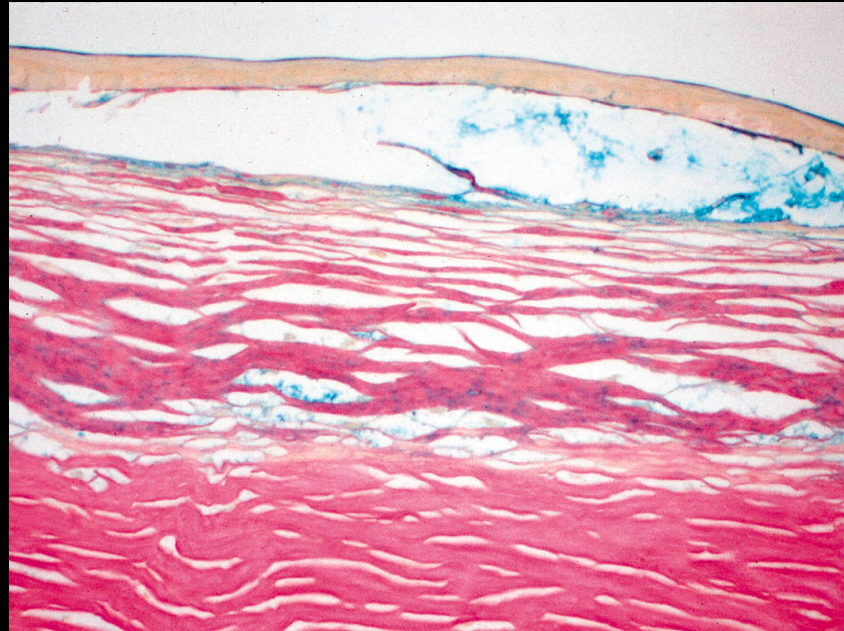
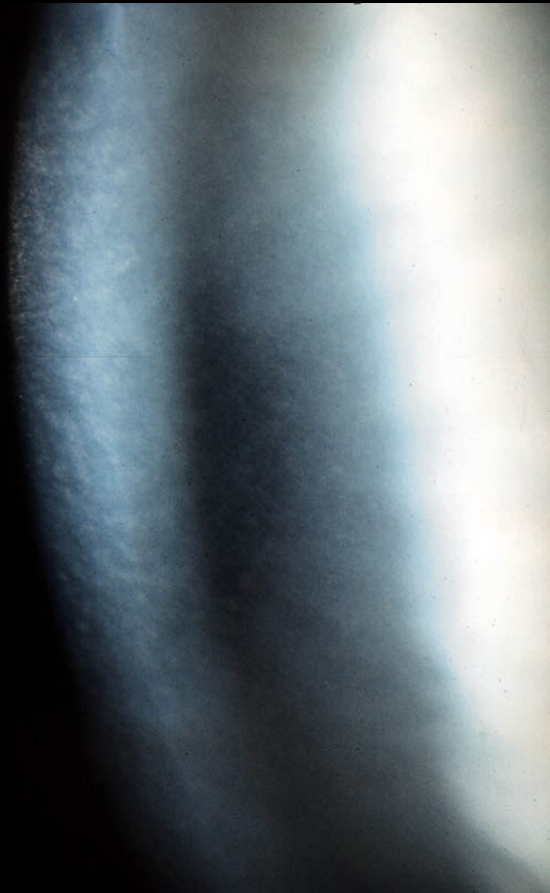
- MPS I-H; “Gargoylism”
- IDUA gene (4p16.3) mutation:
  - Complete deficiency of alpha-L-iduronidase enzyme and lysosomal accumulation of dermatan sulfate and heparan sulfate
- Skeletal abnormalities, psychomotor delay, cardiomyopathy, organomegaly and hearing loss
- Enzyme replacement therapy
- Less severe type : Scheie syndrome- biochemically same



# Hurler Syndrome



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Mucopolysaccharide  
stains blue with alcian  
blue stain

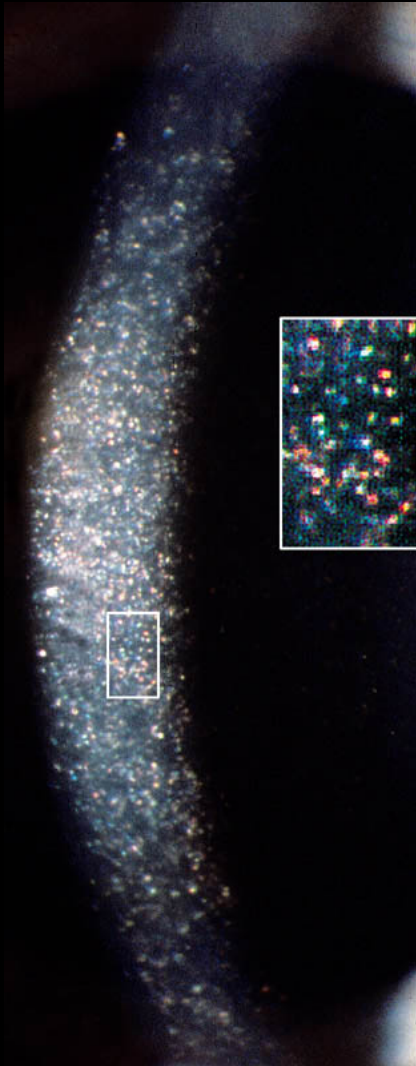
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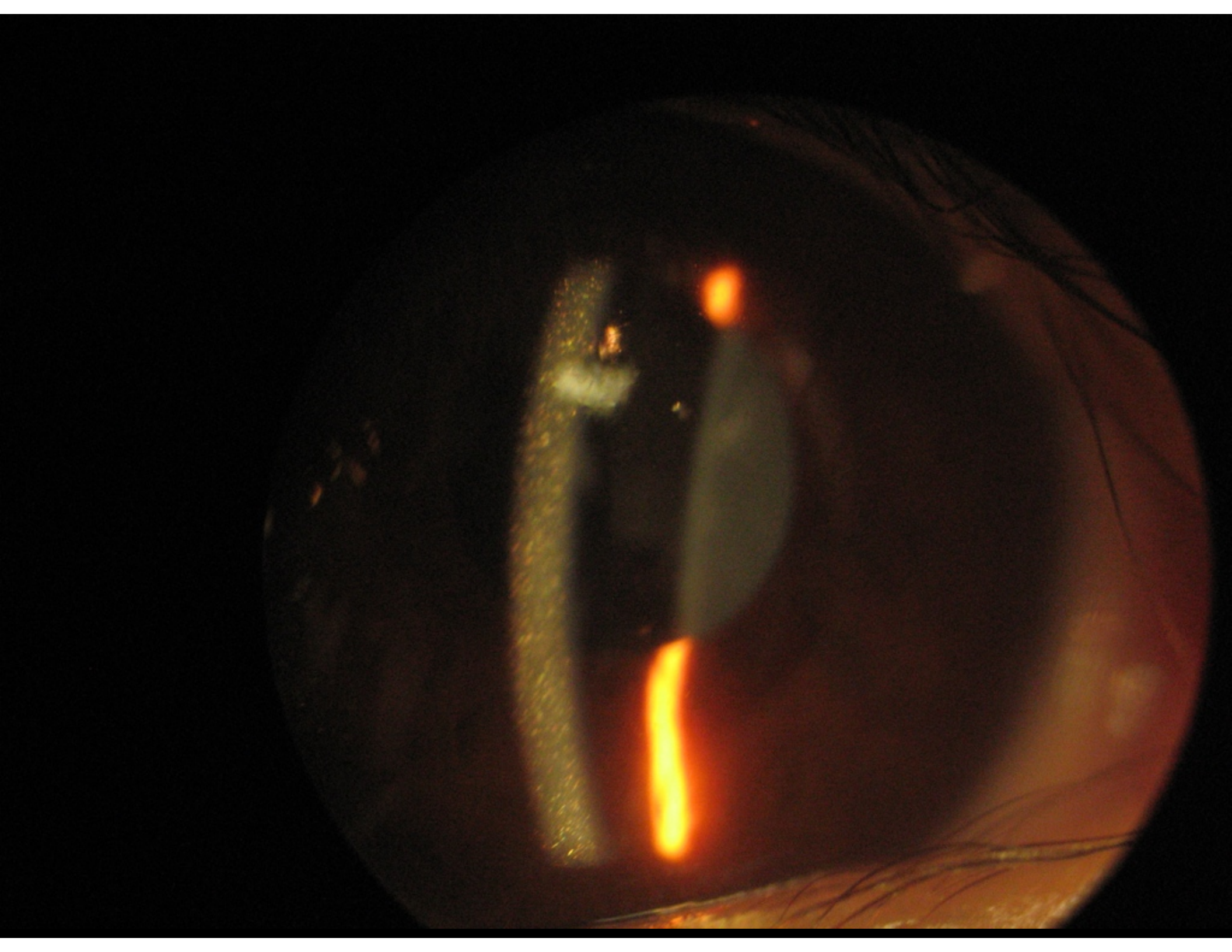


# Cystinosis

- CTNS gene mutation
  - decrease in cystinosin- transports cystine out of cells
  - Increased lysosomal cystine
- Can lead to kidney failure, failure to thrive and corneal deposits
- Photophobia may be severe
- Treatment
  - Oral cysteamine for the systemic deposits- doesn't help eyes!
  - Topical cysteamine (q2h)- Cystaran (FDA approved)

# Cystinosis





# Wilson Disease

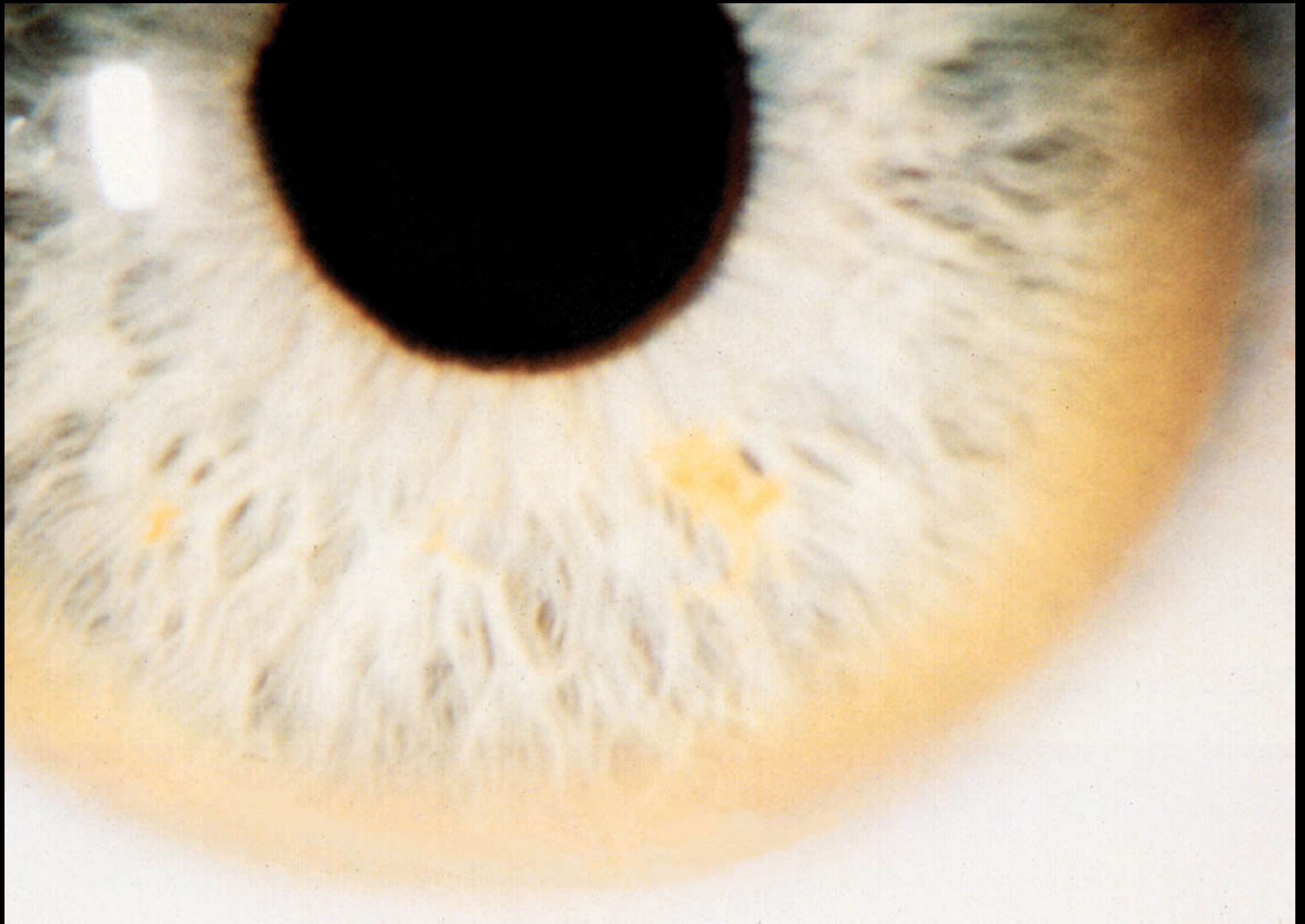
- “Hepatolenticular” degeneration
  - ATP7B gene mutation:
    - enzyme transports copper into bile and incorporates it into ceruloplasmin
  - Excess copper in liver, kidney, basal ganglia, eyes
    - Cirrhosis, kidney failure, movement disorder
- Kaiser-Fleischer ring
  - Copper deposition in Descemet’s membrane
  - Initially at 12 and 6 o’clock
  - Resolves with systemic treatment
  - Late finding but occurs in nearly every case of CNS dysfunction



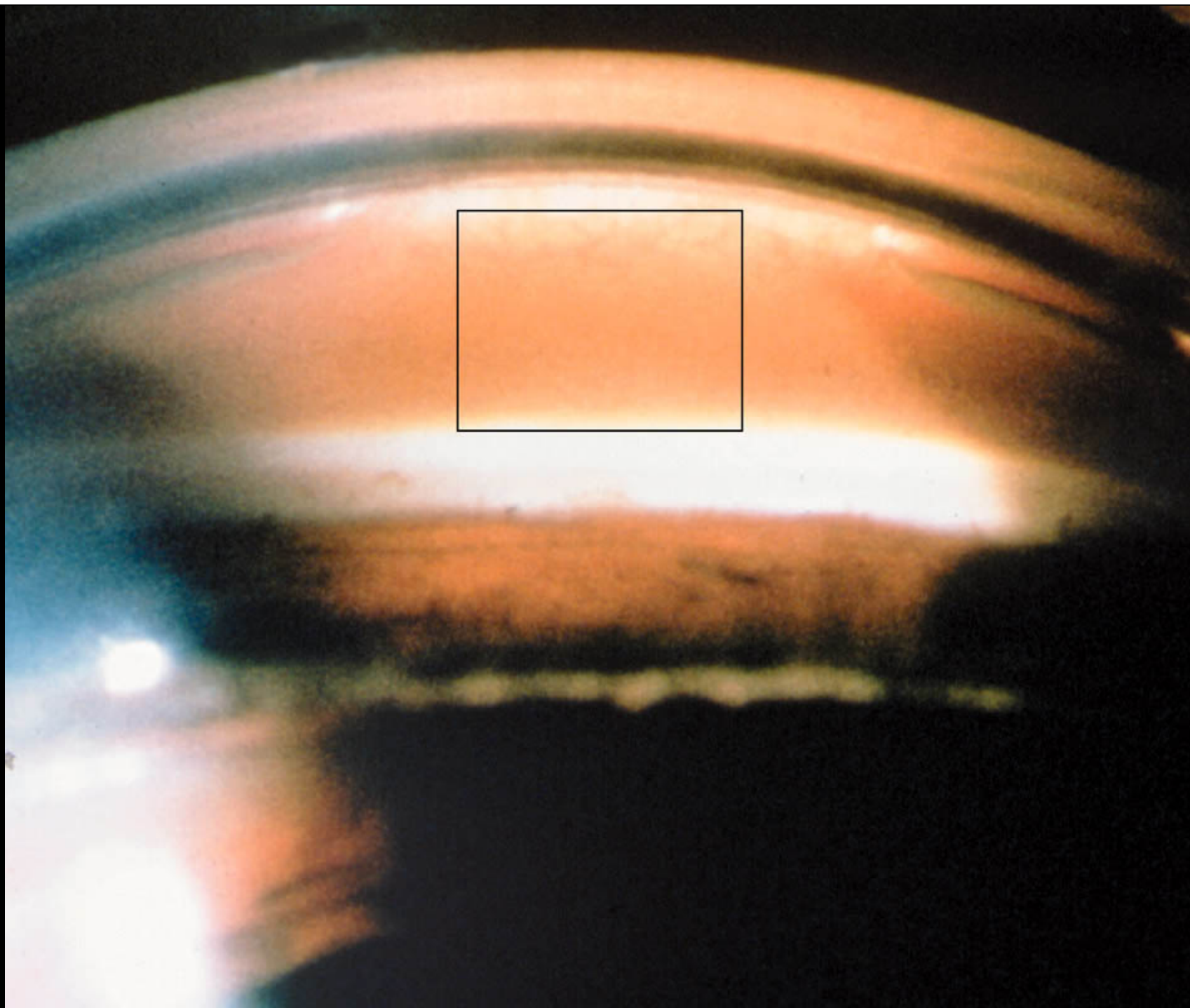
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- Sunflower cataract: copper deposition in lens capsule
- Laboratory testing can detect condition earlier
  - Elevated serum and urinary copper
  - Low serum ceruloplasmin
- Treatment
  - Copper chelators
    - D-penicillamine, trientine
  - Zinc acetate (blocks copper uptake in gut)
  - Low copper diet












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# Tyrosinemia Type II

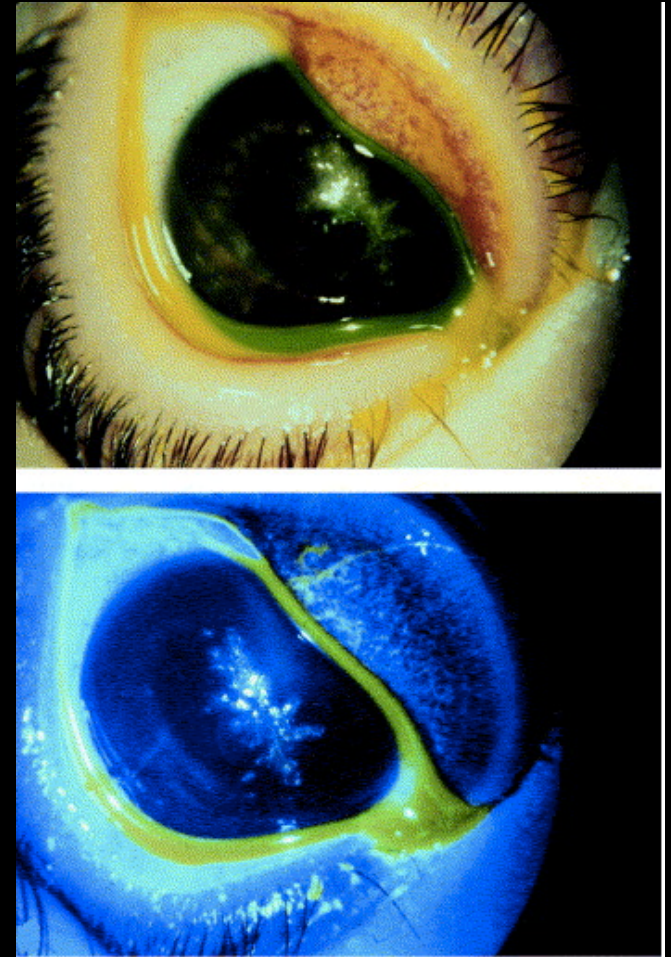
- Gene TAT defect leading to low tyrosine aminotransferase
- Build up of Tyrosine in tissues
  - Skin, eyes and brain
  - Painful circumscribed calluses
  - Mental deterioration





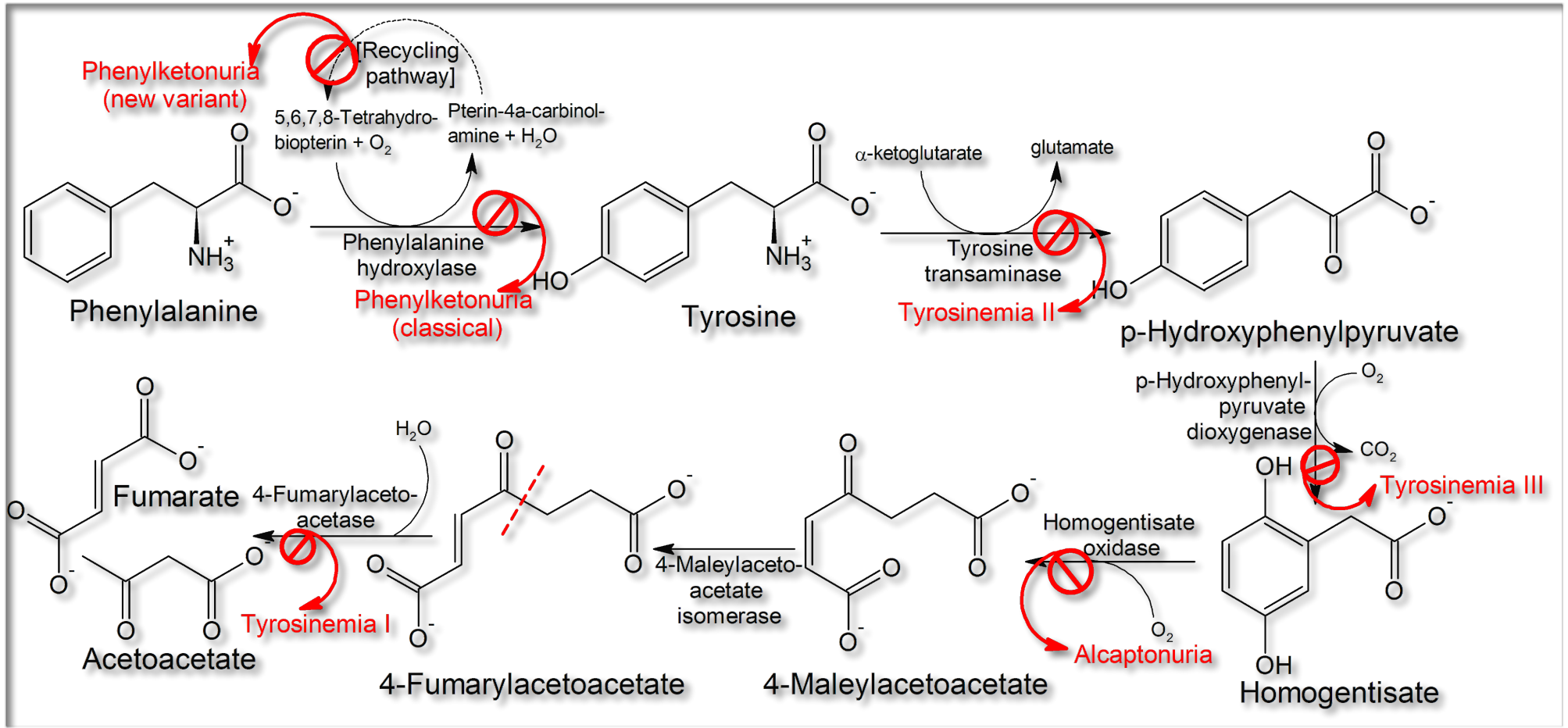
# Tyrosinemia Type II

- Dendritiform corneal epithelial deposits
  - non staining
  - Tearing
  - Photophobia



# Tyrosinemia Type II

- Treatment:
  - Diet low in tyrosine, phenylalanine and methionine
  - Nitisinone (NTBC) “Orfadin”- inhibits the proximal tyrosine metabolic pathway



# Galactosemia

- Galactose 1-phosphate uridylyltransferase (GALT) deficiency (Newborn screen in Iowa)
  - “Classic Galactosemia” or Type I
  - Symptoms begin within first few days of life
  - Jaundice, vomiting, diarrhea, poor feeding, failure to thrive, lethargy, sepsis
  - Cataracts 30%
  - Most mild and resolve with dietary intervention



# Galactosemia

- Galactokinase deficiency (GALK)- not screened in Iowa
  - Type II galactosemia
- Systemic signs may be absent or very mild
- Cataract may be only sign



# Galactosemia

- GALE mutation
  - deficient UDP-galactose-4-epimerase
  - galactosemia type III
- Severe forms leads to
  - Cataract
  - Intellectual disability
  - Damage to the liver, kidneys, and brain.

# Galactose Metabolism

