

# Zika Virus and Your Eyes

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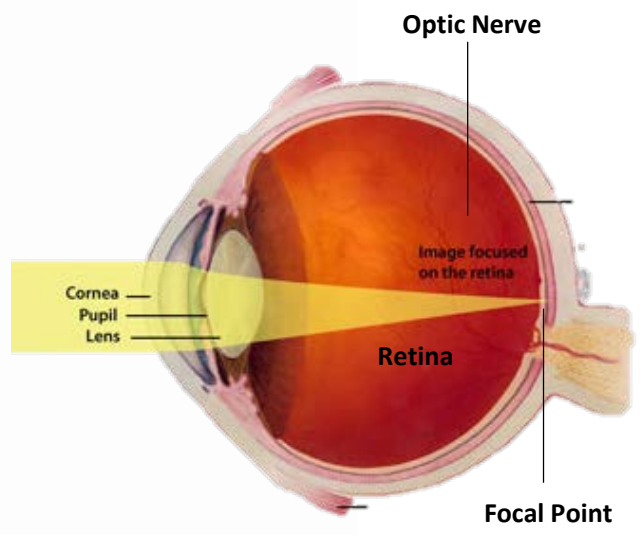
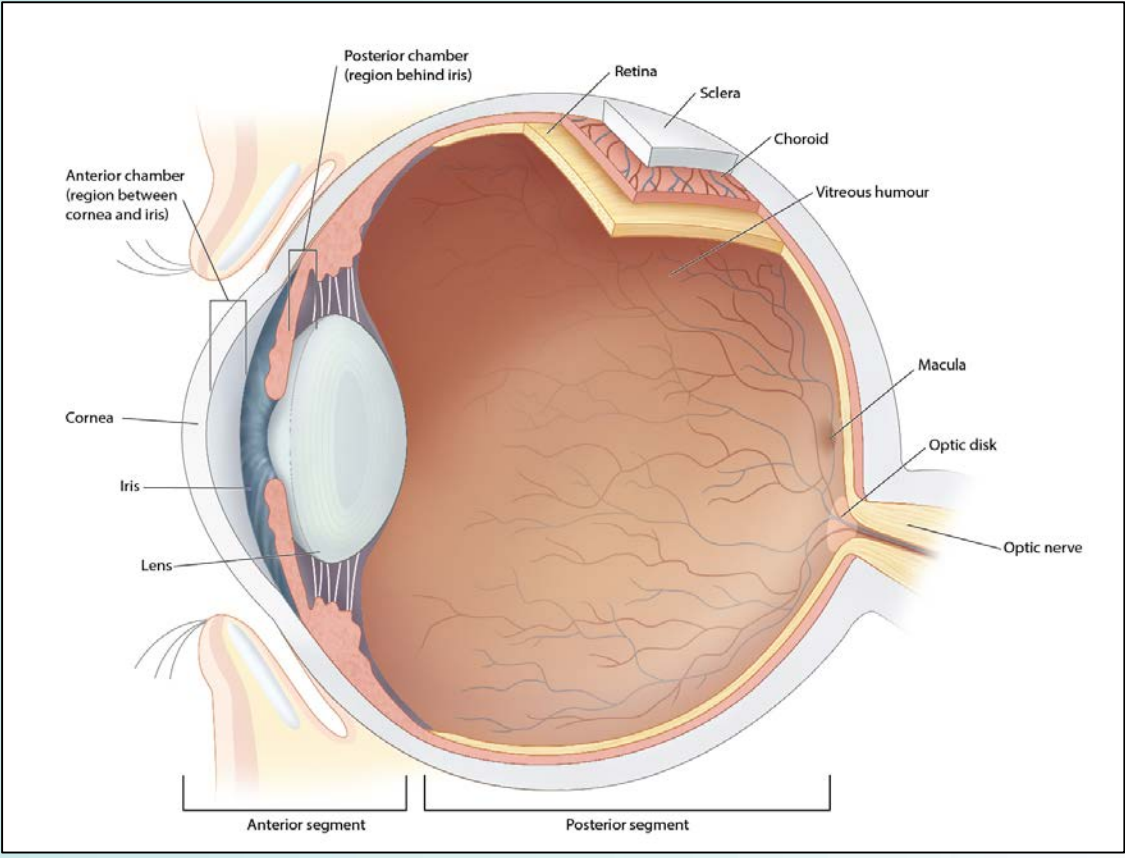
# Ophthalmology 101



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# Ocular Anatomy



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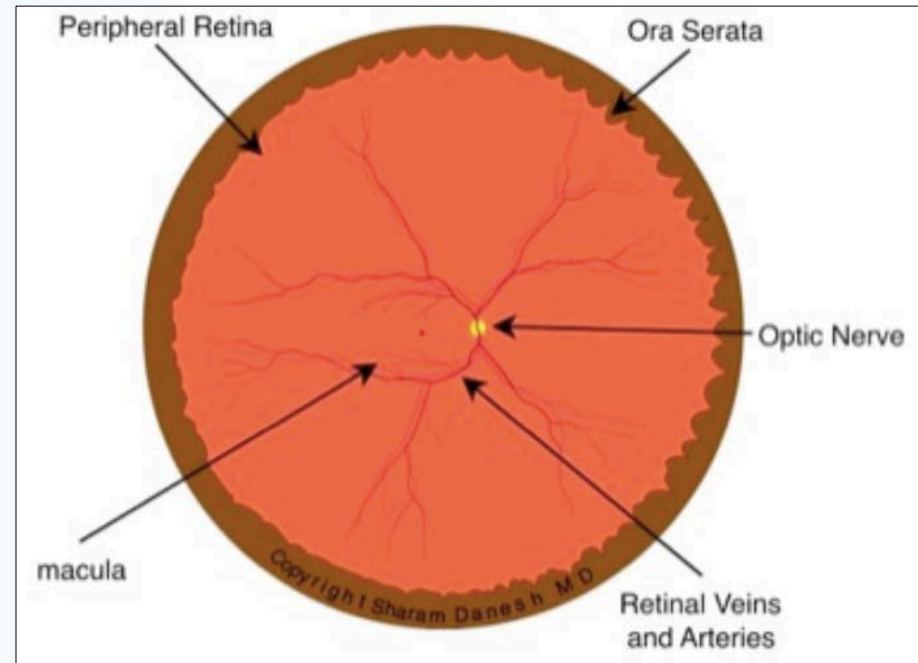
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# Normal Retina



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# Ocular Findings in Congenital Zika Infection

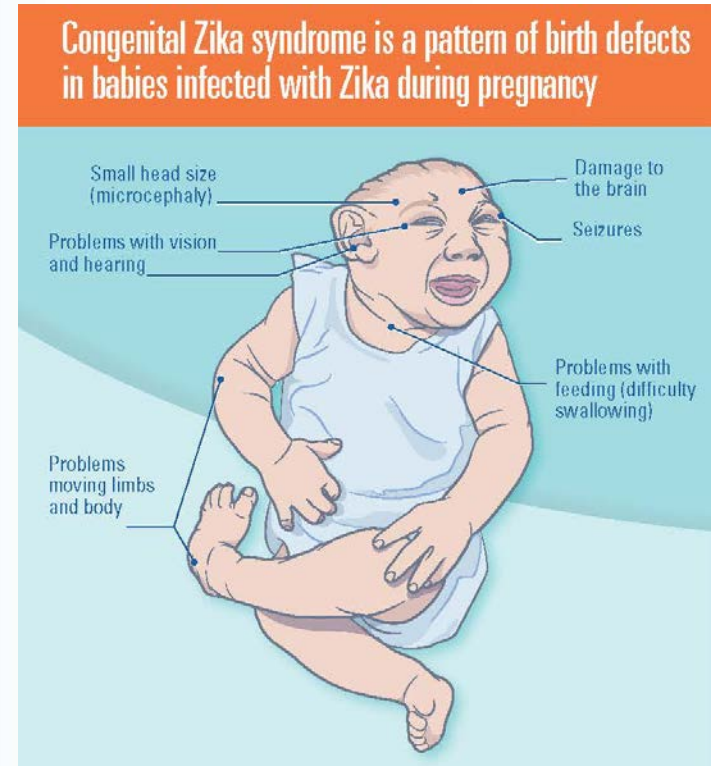


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# Ocular Findings Associated with Congenital Zika Virus Infection

- Ocular abnormalities have been identified in infants with and without microcephaly
- Abnormalities have been found in the anterior and posterior ocular structures
- Cortical visual impairment might be the most common cause of blindness among children with congenital Zika syndrome



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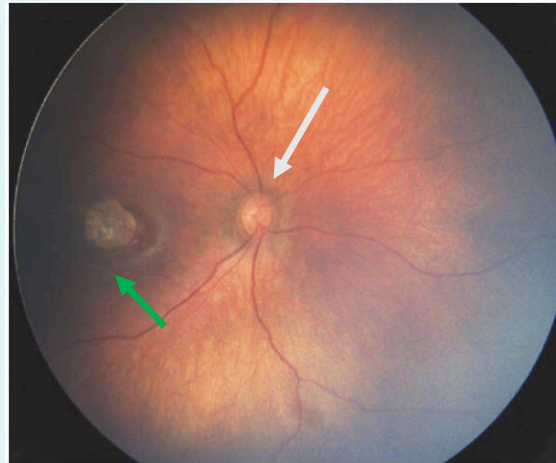
# Macular and Optic Nerve Findings

## Commonly reported macular findings

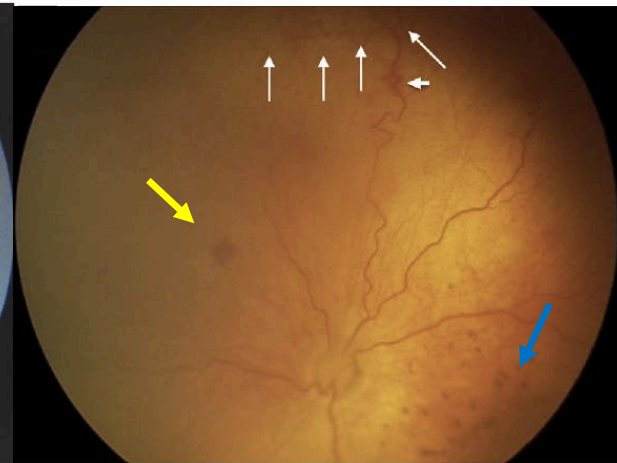
- Macular mottling
- Chorioretinal atrophy

## Commonly reported optic nerve findings

- Hypoplasia
- Increased cup to disk ratio
- Pallor



Macular mottling, chorioretinal atrophy, and optic nerve hypoplasia



Subretinal hemorrhages, vascular tortuosity, abnormal vessel termination, and focal area of dilation

Ventura CV, et al. Ophthalmological findings in infants with microcephaly and presumable intra-uterus Zika virus infection. *Arq Bras Oftalmol.* 2016 Feb;79(1):1-3.  
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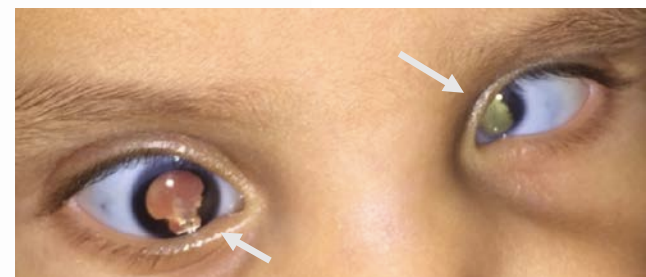
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## Other Ocular Findings

- Congenital glaucoma
- Iris colobomas
- Microphthalmia
- Subluxation of the lens
- Cataract
- Intraocular calcification
- Strabismus
- Nystagmus



Congenital Glaucoma



Iris colobomas



Microphthalmia

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# Risk Factors for Ocular Findings

- Smaller head circumference
- Microcephaly
- Other CNS abnormalities
- Earlier trimester infection in pregnancy
- Arthrogryposis

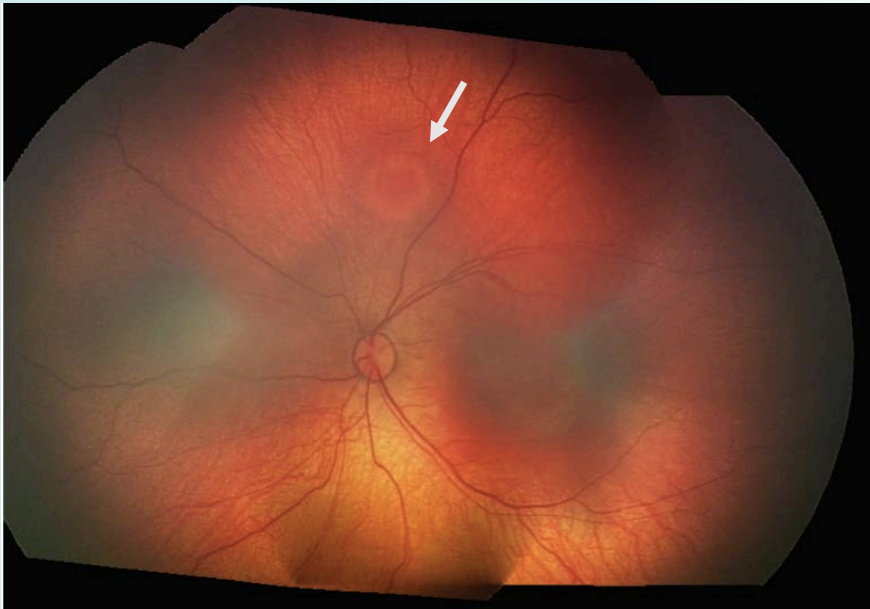


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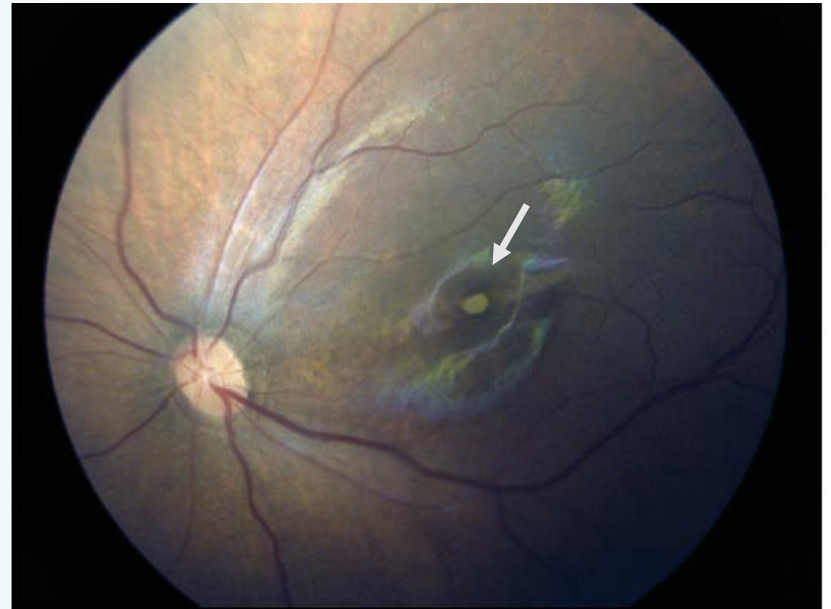


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# Infants with Possible Zika Virus Infection WITHOUT Microcephaly



Hypopigmented retinal lesion



Chorioretinal atrophy

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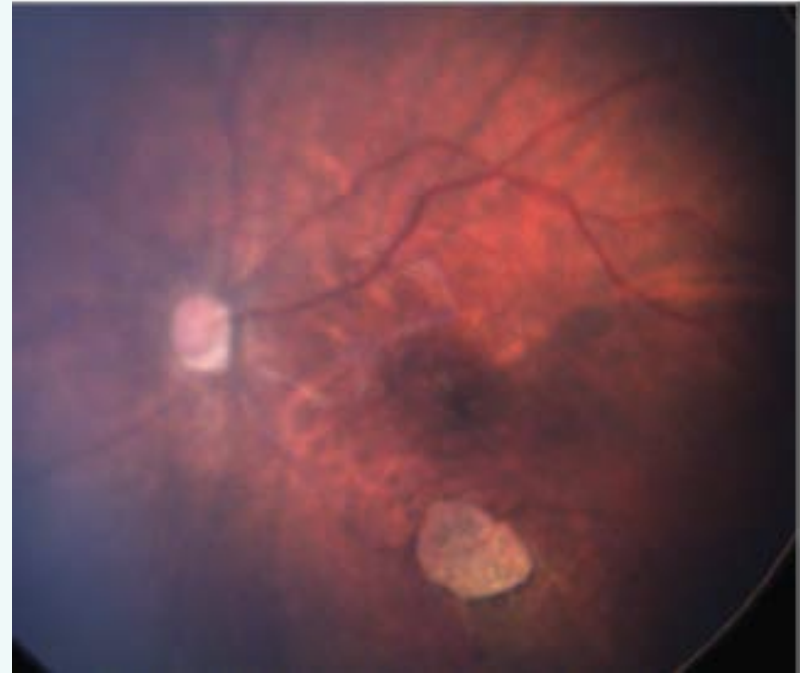


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# Eye findings in Infants Without CNS Abnormalities



Optic nerve hypoplasia, chorioretinal atrophy,  
and macular mottling



Optic nerve hypoplasia and chorioretinal atrophy

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# Eye Findings in Congenital Infections

	Zika	Toxoplasmosis	Rubella	CMV	Herpes Simplex	Syphilis
Conjunctivitis					+	
Keratitis					+	+
Macular Mottling	+ focal pigmentary clumping		+ granular (Salt-and-pepper retinopathy)			+ granular (Salt-and-pepper retinopathy)
Chorioretinal Atrophy	+	+				
Optic Nerve abnormalities	Hypoplasia, cupping, pallor		pallor	pallor		
Cataract	+		+	+	+	
Microphthalmia	+		+	+		
Iris Coloboma	+					
Active inflammation: uveitis or chorioretinitis		+	+	+	+	+



# CDC Recommendations: Ophthalmic screening



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# Who should be referred for screening and when?

- **Before hospital discharge:**
  - Infant whose mother has risk factors for maternal Zika virus infection (travel to or residence in an area with risk of Zika or sex with a partner who traveled to or resided in such an area)AND
  - Maternal test results are not availableAND
  - There is a concern about infant follow-up care
- **Before 1 month of age:**
  - » All infants with laboratory evidence of congenital Zika virus infectionOR
  - » Abnormal findings consistent with CZS
- **Follow up should occur**
  - » If the ophthalmologic examination within the first month of age is normal
  - » Another complete examination at 3 months of age

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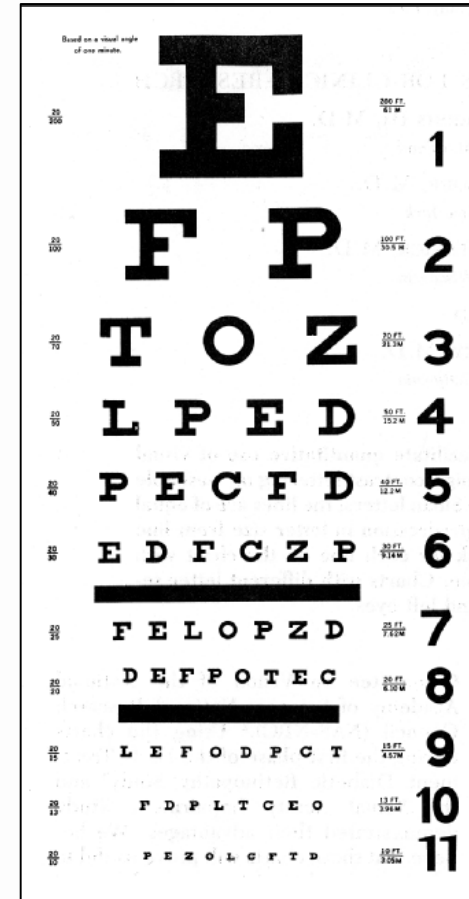


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# Screening should include

- Ophthalmologic assessment:
  - Visual acuity assessment
  - Intraocular pressure measurements
  - Slit lamp examination
  - Dilated fundus examination
- Resources for children with vision impairment or loss
  - Low vision specialist
  - Early intervention



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# How can primary care providers help?

- For infants without laboratory evidence of Zika virus infection but for whom suspicion for congenital Zika virus infection remains
  - Consider referral to an ophthalmologist before hospital discharge or within 1 month of birth
- Outpatient management of infants with possible congenital Zika exposure but without abnormalities consistent with CZS
  - During routine infant follow-up with primary care providers, at each well child visit
    - Vision screening, including assessment of visual regard
    - Referral to an ophthalmologist for any caregiver or provider concern
- Tips for screening vision in young infants
  - For very young infants (1-2 months of age): test wince to light
  - At about 3 months of age: fix and follow
  - Test vision with both eyes open first, then try one eye at a time

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# Summary

In infants with congenital Zika infection:

- While ocular findings have been noted in infants with congenital Zika infection with and without microcephaly, the incidence of ocular findings in these infants is unknown
- Both anterior and posterior ocular findings have been reported, but the main ocular findings involve the macula and optic nerve
- Cortical visual impairment might be the most common cause of blindness among children with congenital Zika syndrome
- Primary care providers serve an important role in screening and referring infants to an ophthalmologist according to published recommendations and for any caregiver or provider concern



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# Thank you!

More information on Zika: [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika)

For more information, contact CDC  
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TTY: 1-888-232-6348 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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