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Clinical profile of COVID-19 patients presenting with uveitis – A short case series

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Purpose: To present the clinical features of anterior, intermediate and posterior uveitis in patients with COVID-19 and to increase the awareness of the treating physicians to refer patients with COVID-19 who have eye symptoms for ophthalmic exam, in order to diagnose as early as possible and prevent vision-threatening complications.

Methods: Retrospective observational case reports.

Results: We report three cases of COVID-19 patients who developed uveitis during or after the course of their sickness with COVID-19. All patients underwent a detailed eye examination, relevant history and investigations did not prove any other cause of uveitis.

Conclusion: This report presents novel data on the course of subjects with uveitis during the COVID-19 pandemic. Intermediate and posterior uveitis warrant further evaluation with differential diagnosis supported by laboratory tests due to the association with systemic diseases and risk of permanent vision loss. Iridocyclitis, intermediate, and posterior uveitis treatment should be guided by ophthalmologists, particularly uveitis specialists, when possible.

Biography

Salam Iriqat passion is Ophthalmology, since she entered medical school in 2000, she decided to become an ophthalmologist and try to advance this field in Palestine, specialize in uveitis and medical retina. Dr. Salam finished two fellowships in ophthalmology in two major subfields that we need in our country to provide the service to our people. After her fellowships, St John eye hospital group promoted her to be the head of ocular inflammatory disease, consultant in uveitis, medical retina, and ocular imaging, recently appointed as the clinical research coordinator for the group. After novel publication on covid-19 and ocular manifestations, she became an editor for AMCRS. She believes that we need to work hard to prevent blindness and reach the world with our science.

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