



Corneal Endothelium Perforations and Its Treatment

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DESCRIPTION

On the inner surface of the cornea, there is a single layer of endothelial cells known as the corneal endothelium. It is facing the space created by the cornea and iris. The posterior surface of the cornea, which faces the anterior chamber of the eye, is lined with the corneal endothelium, which are specialised, flattened, mitochondria-rich cells. The cornea's posterior surface is governed by the corneal endothelium, which also keeps the cornea in the somewhat dehydrated condition needed for optical transparency. The neural crest is the embryological source of the corneal endothelium. As early as the second trimester of pregnancy, the cornea reaches its postnatal total endothelial cellularity. As early as the second trimester of pregnancy, the cornea reaches its postnatal total endothelial cellularity. The number of endothelial cells decreases with age in the fully developed cornea until early adulthood, it stabilises at about 50 years old. A single layer of equally sized cells with a predominance of hexagonal shapes makes up the typical corneal endothelium. The posterior corneal surface can be packed with cells in a given area most efficiently using this honeycomb tiling design in terms of total perimeter. The corneal endothelium's primary physiological role is to let solute and nutrient leakage from the aqueous humour to the cornea's outer layers while also pumping water in the opposite direction, from the stroma to the aqueous. The "pump-leak hypothesis" explains this dual function of the corneal endothelium. The cornea is avascular, which makes it transparent at its best. As a result, glucose and other solutes from the aqueous humour must diffuse across the corneal endothelium to feed the corneal epithelium, stromal keratocytes,

and corneal endothelium. The corneal endothelium then moves water *via* a network of connected active and passive ion exchangers from the stromal-facing surface to the aqueous-facing surface.

By Descemet's membrane, an acellular layer primarily made of collagen IV, the corneal endothelium is connected to the remainder of the cornea. A defect in the cornea caused by injury to the corneal surface is called a corneal perforation. A corneal perforation indicates that the cornea has been injured and has been pierced. The cornea, a transparent portion of the eye, directs and concentrates light as it enters the eye. Reduced visual acuity can result from corneal damage brought on by corneal perforation. A corneal perforation may make it difficult to see and cause eye pain. The cornea may seem discoloured upon physical inspection. Diseases of the cornea, injuries sustained during eye surgery, or infections of the eye that may develop after surgery or procedures can all result in perforation of the cornea. Corneal thinning and perforation may result from pellucid marginal degeneration. The Seidel test can be used to identify corneal perforation. The Seidel test reveals any aqueous leakage, which verifies corneal perforation. Over the wound, a fluorescent strip is applied. The patient has a corneal perforation if the clear aqueous humour from the eye passes through the yellow stain. The location, intensity, and underlying cause of the damage all affect how the corneal perforation is treated. Small perforations can be sealed with tissue adhesive, but perforations greater than 1 mm cannot be repaired with this technique. When a pressure bandage is applied, corneal perforations that are not infected usually heal. Lamellar keratoplasty is a therapy option for some corneal holes.

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