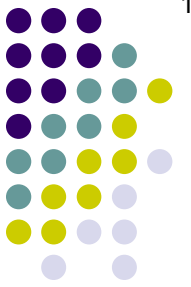


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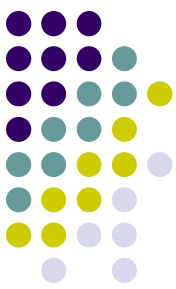
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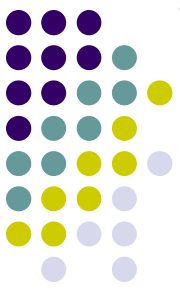
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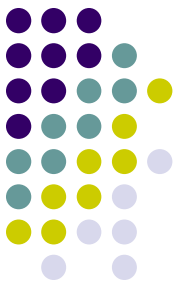
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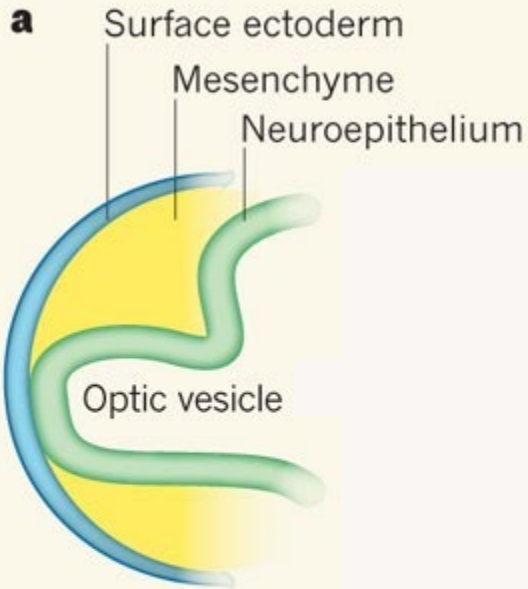
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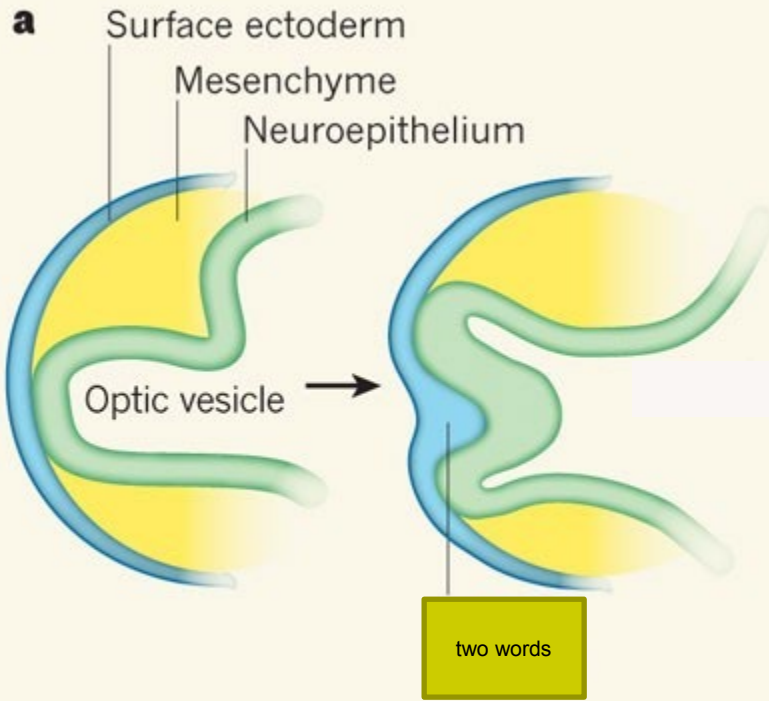


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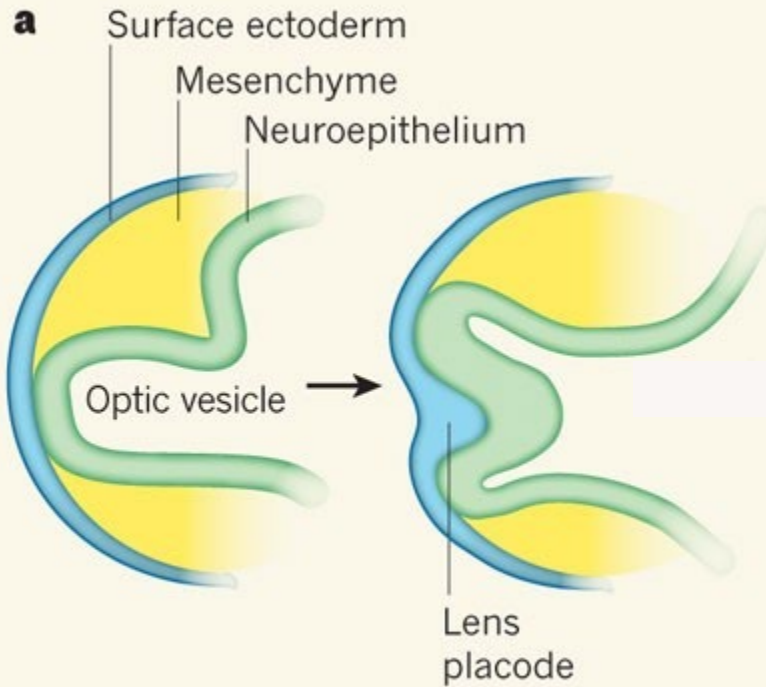
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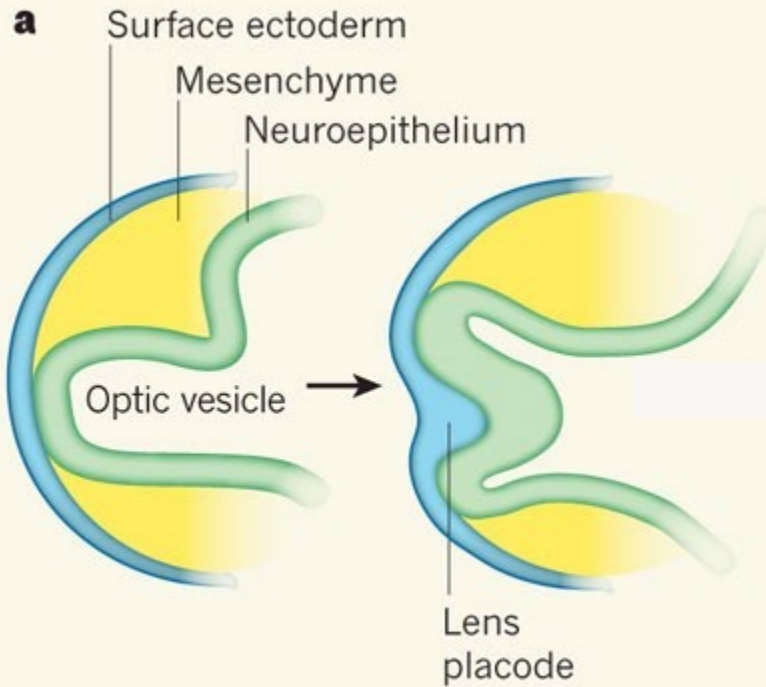


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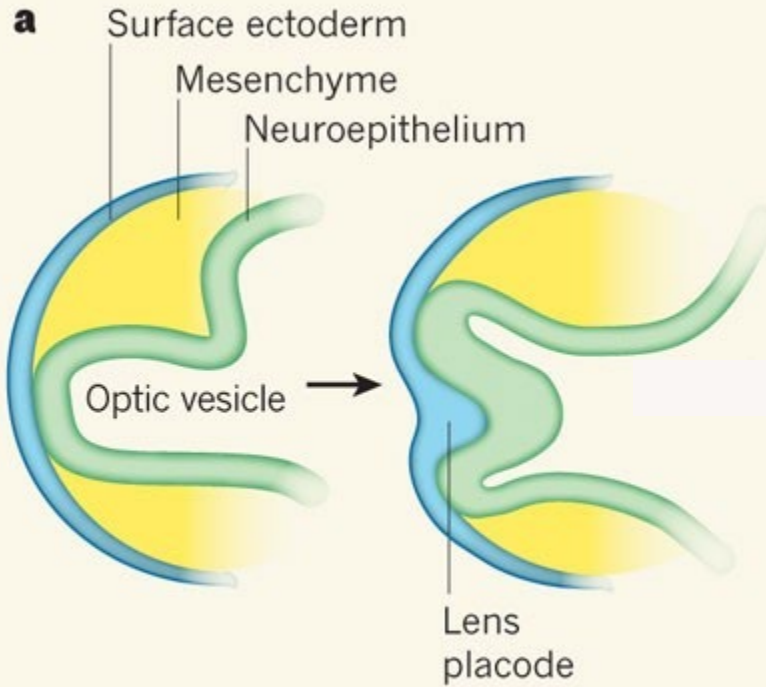


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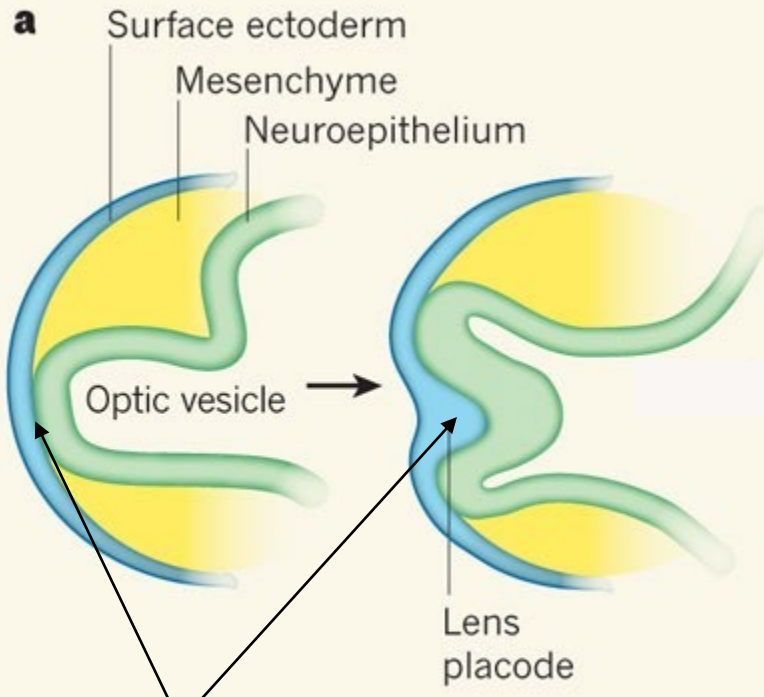
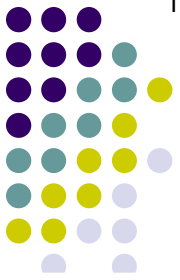
Lens Embryology



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Lens Embryology



It's the contact from the optic vesicle that induces the overlying surface ectoderm to thicken and form the placode

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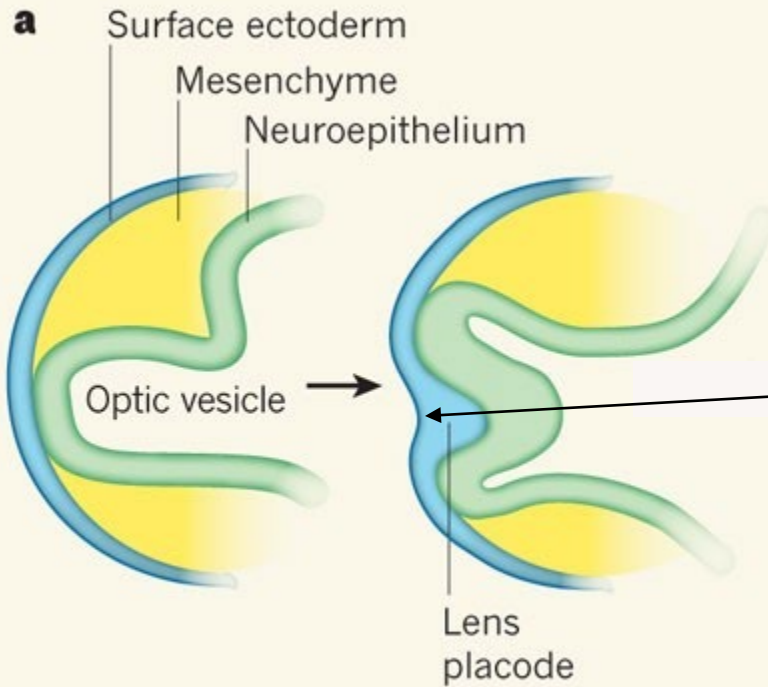
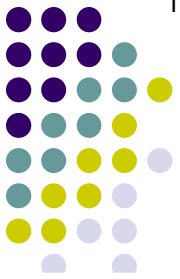
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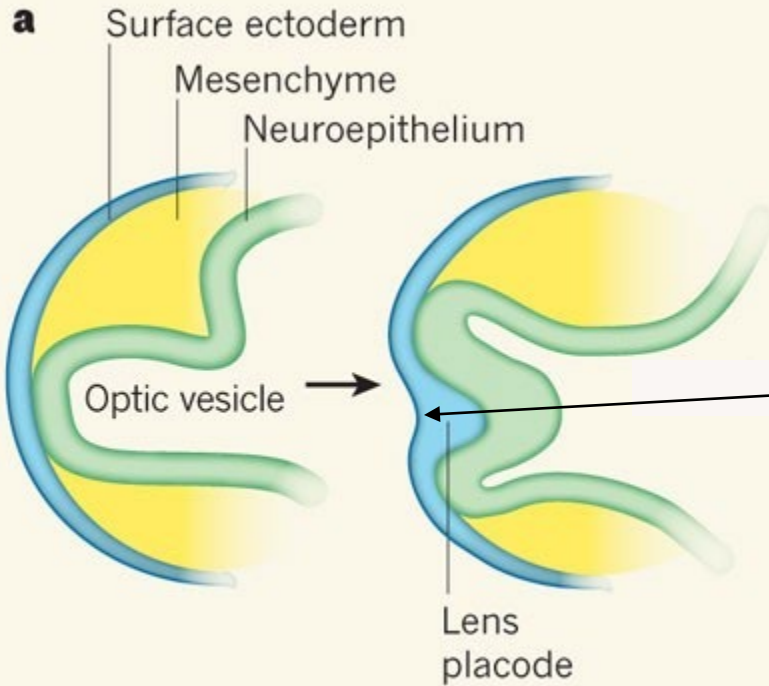
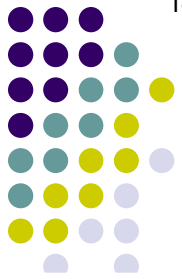
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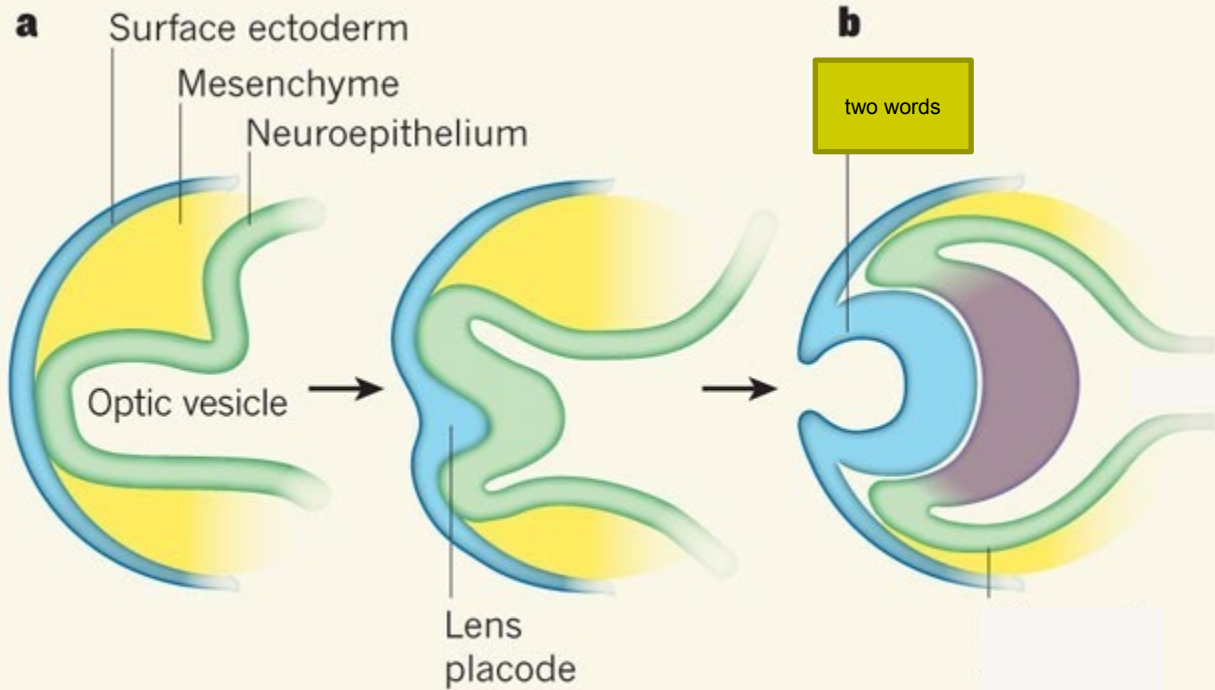
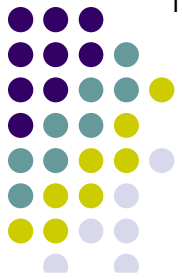
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Lens Embryology



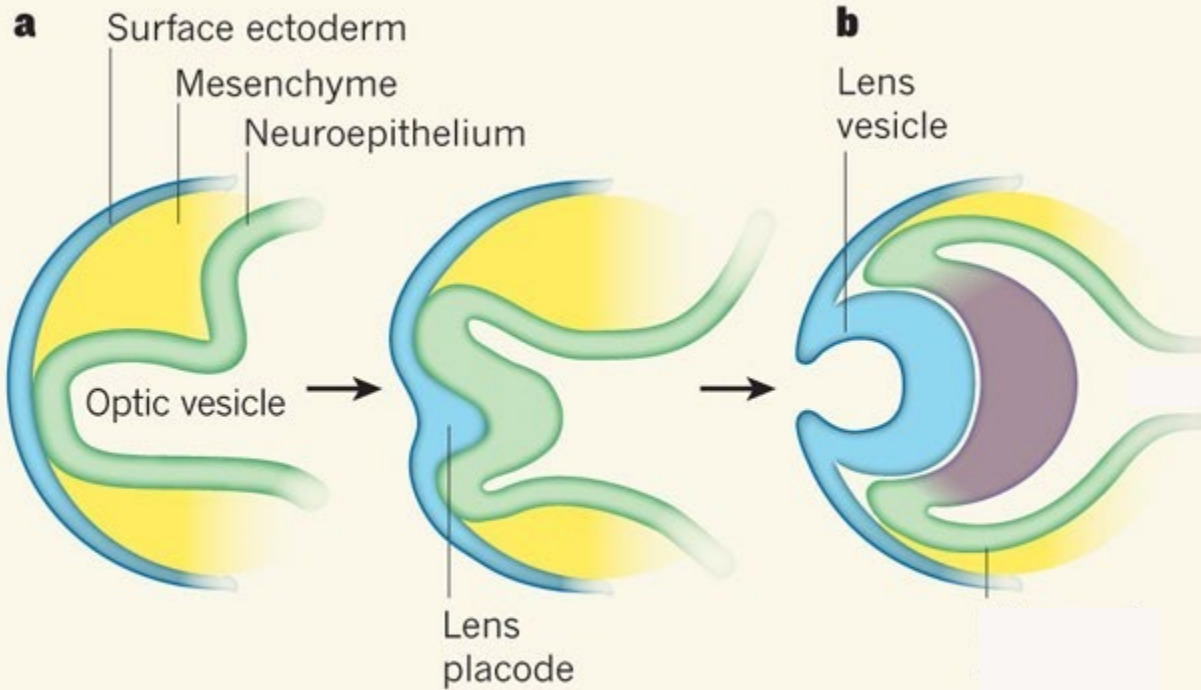
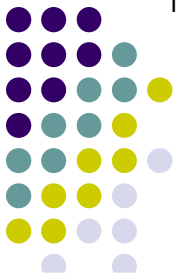
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--The placode invaginates to form the two words

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Lens Embryology

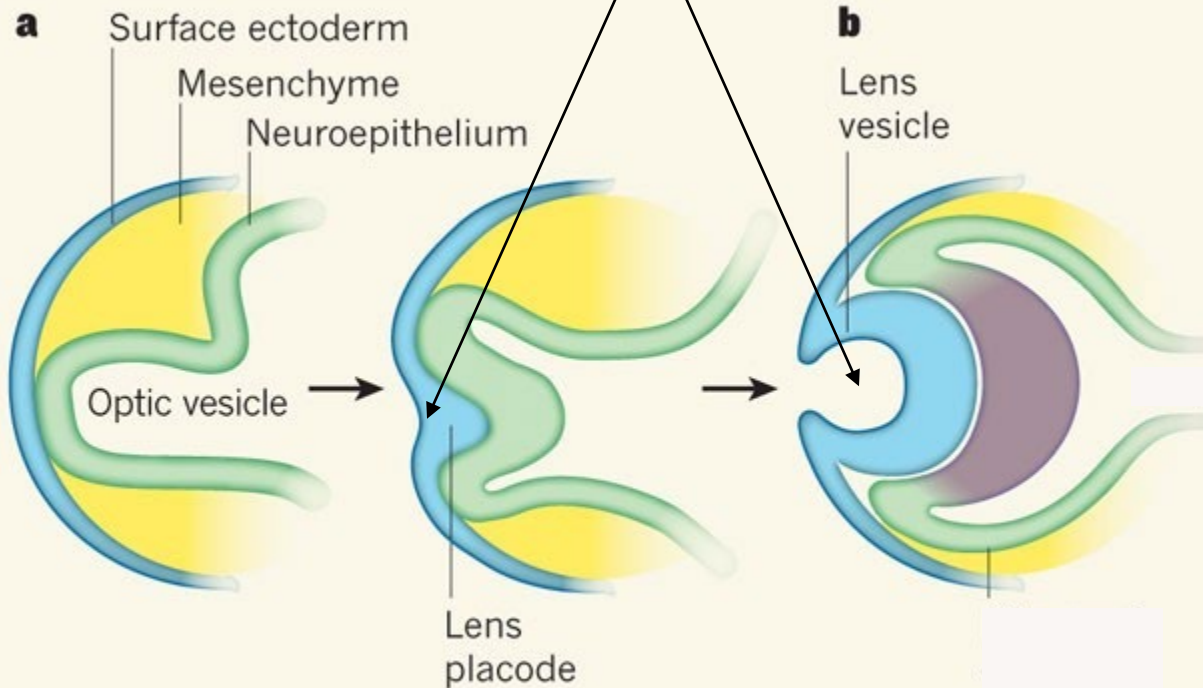


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(Note that the invagination process consists of a progressive deepening of the lens pit)

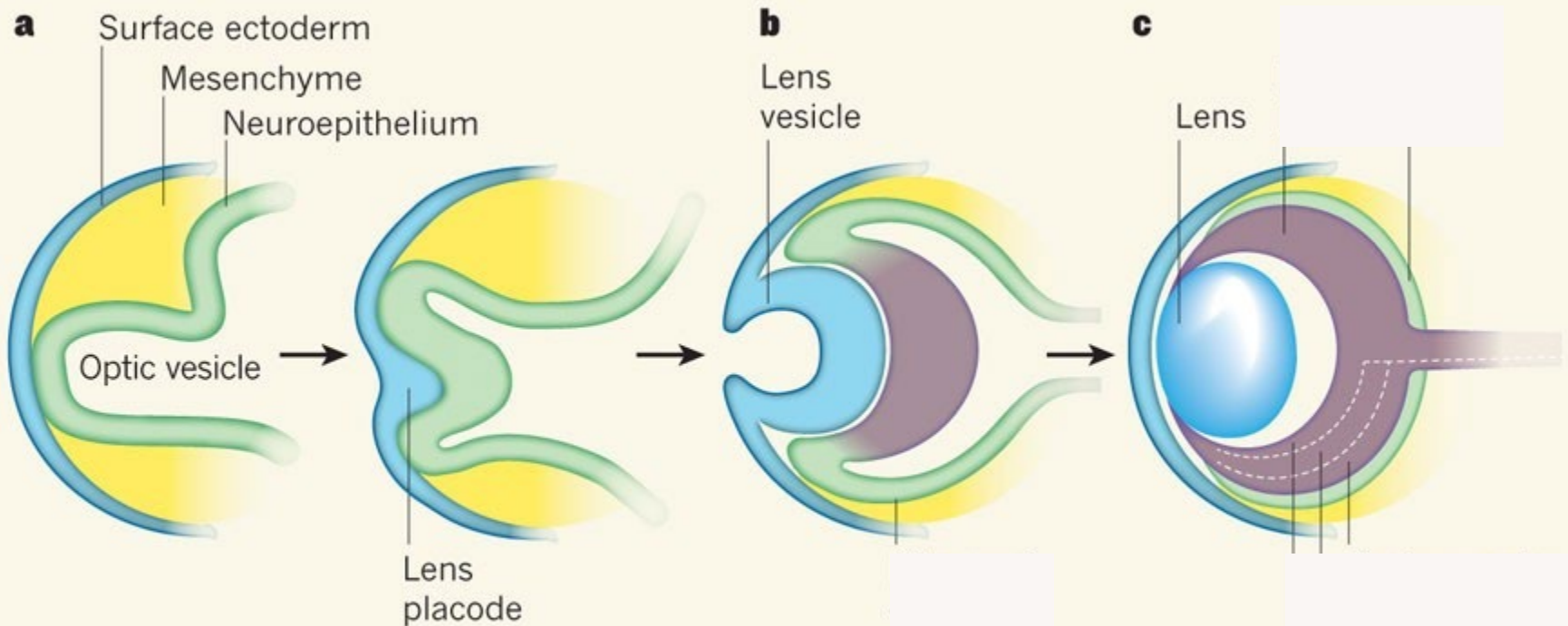
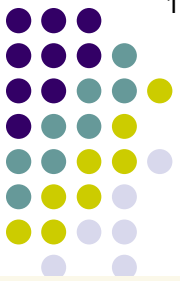


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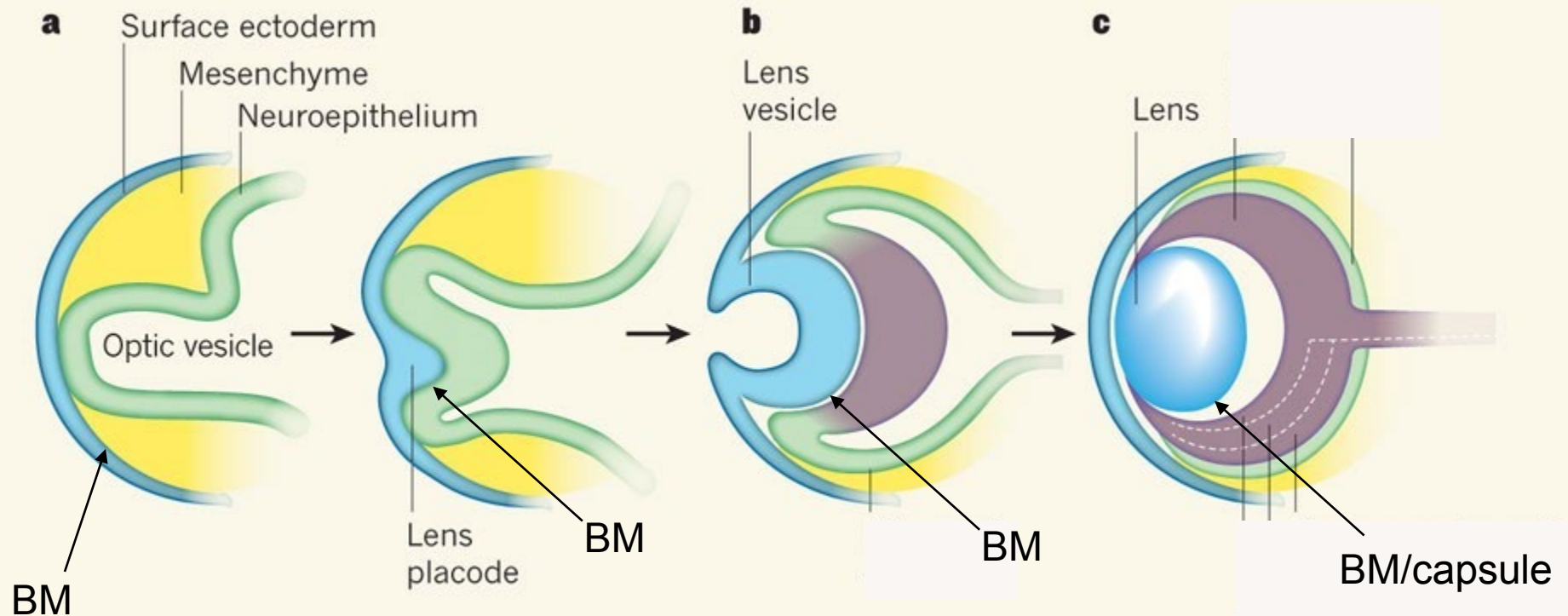
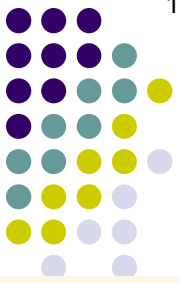


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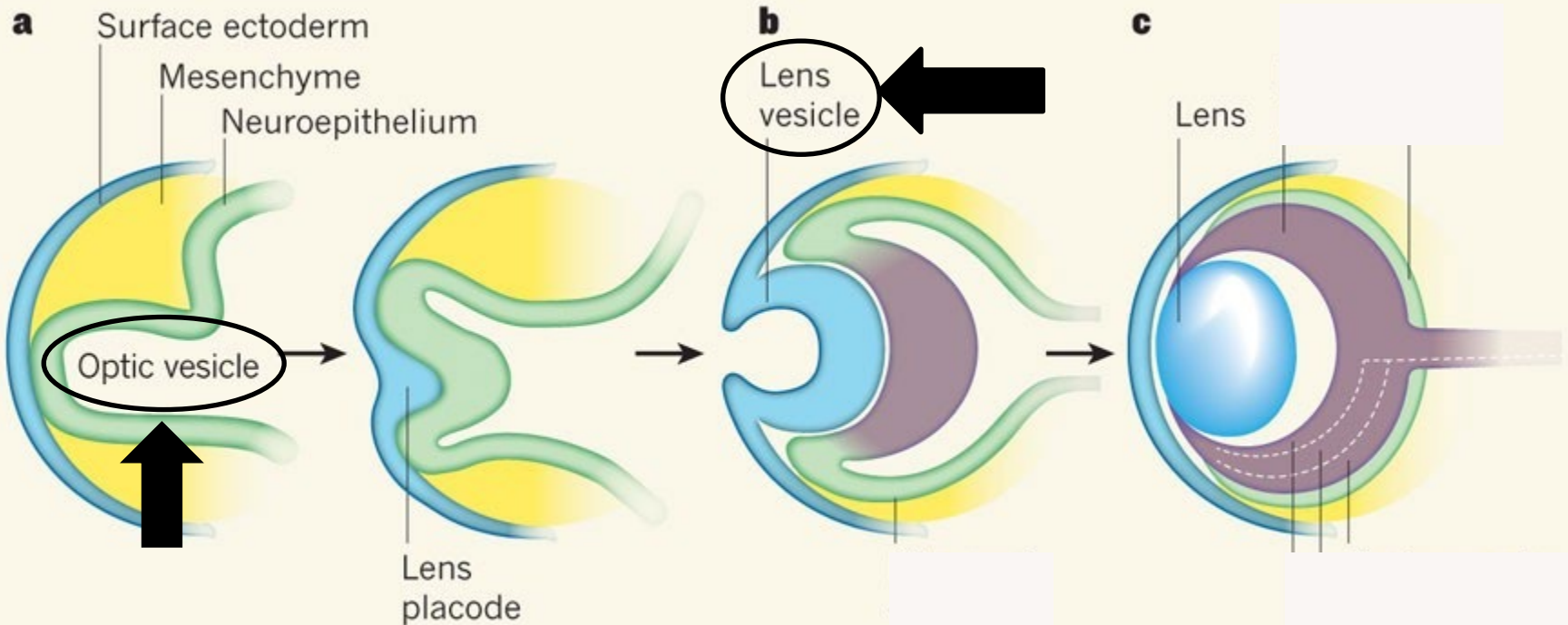
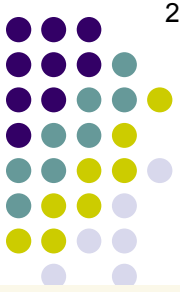
Lens Embryology



Take note that the invagination process leads to the weird result of a structure (the lens) that has its epithelium on its *inside* and its basement membrane on its *outside*.

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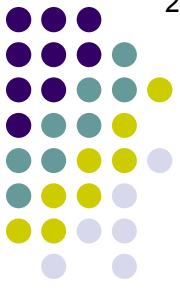


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Finally: Note that *optic vesicle* and *lens vesicle* are different structures—don't mix them up!

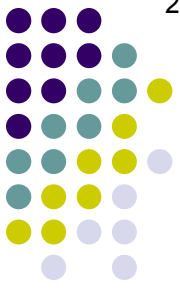
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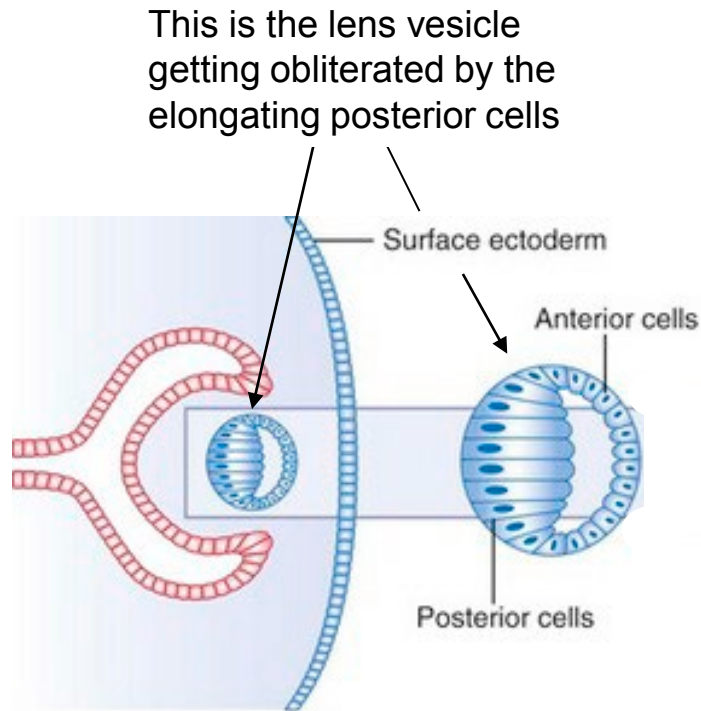
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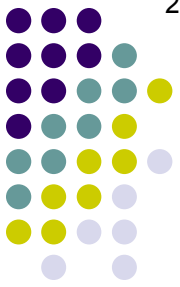
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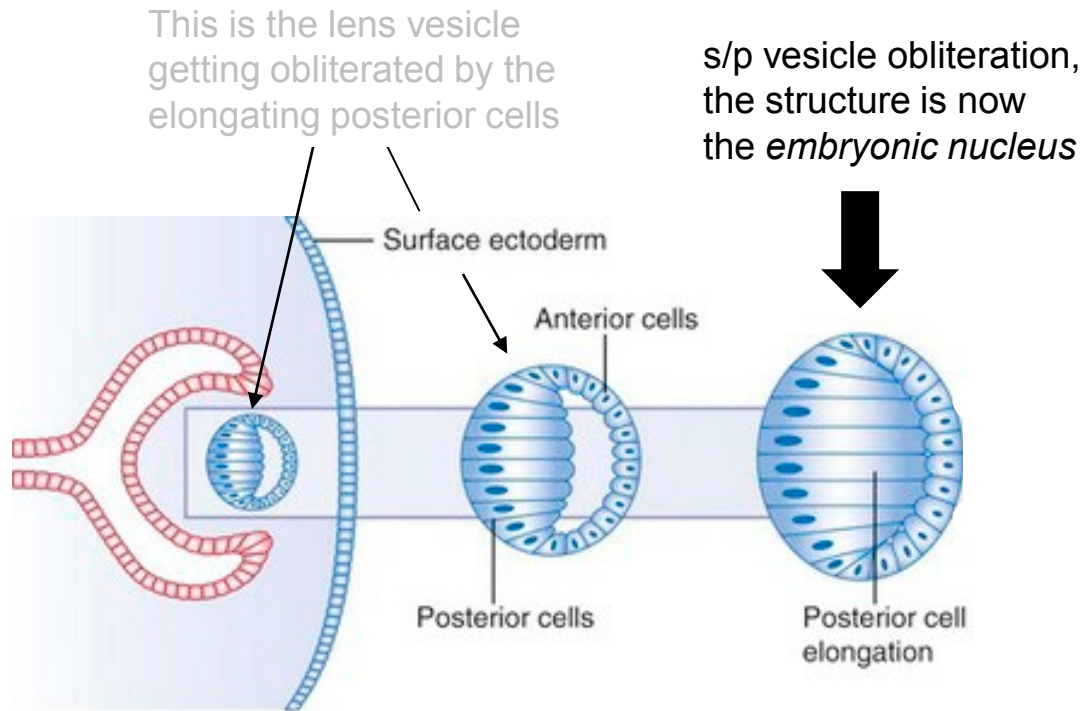


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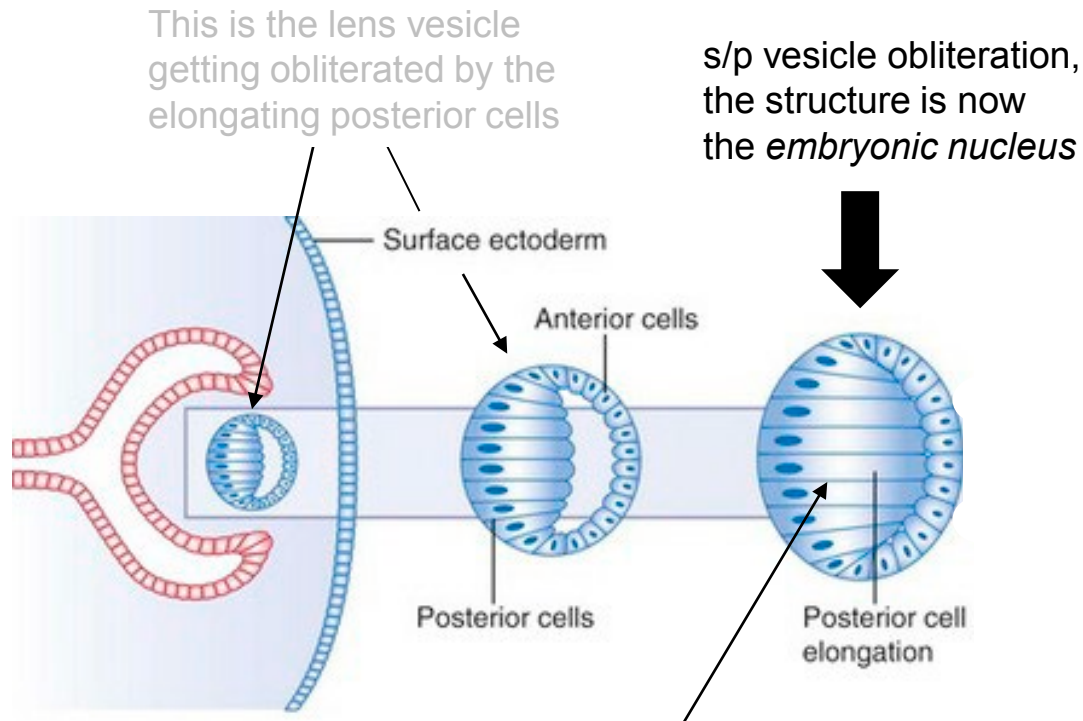
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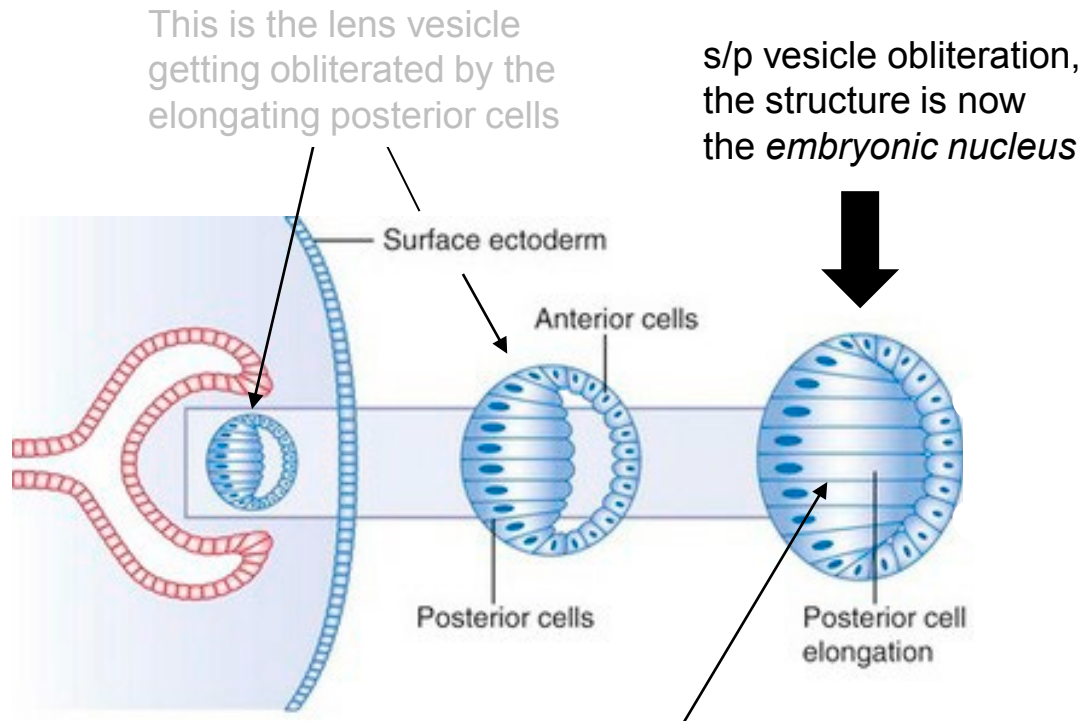
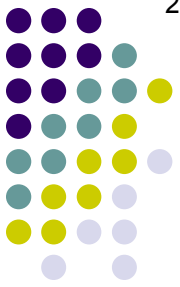
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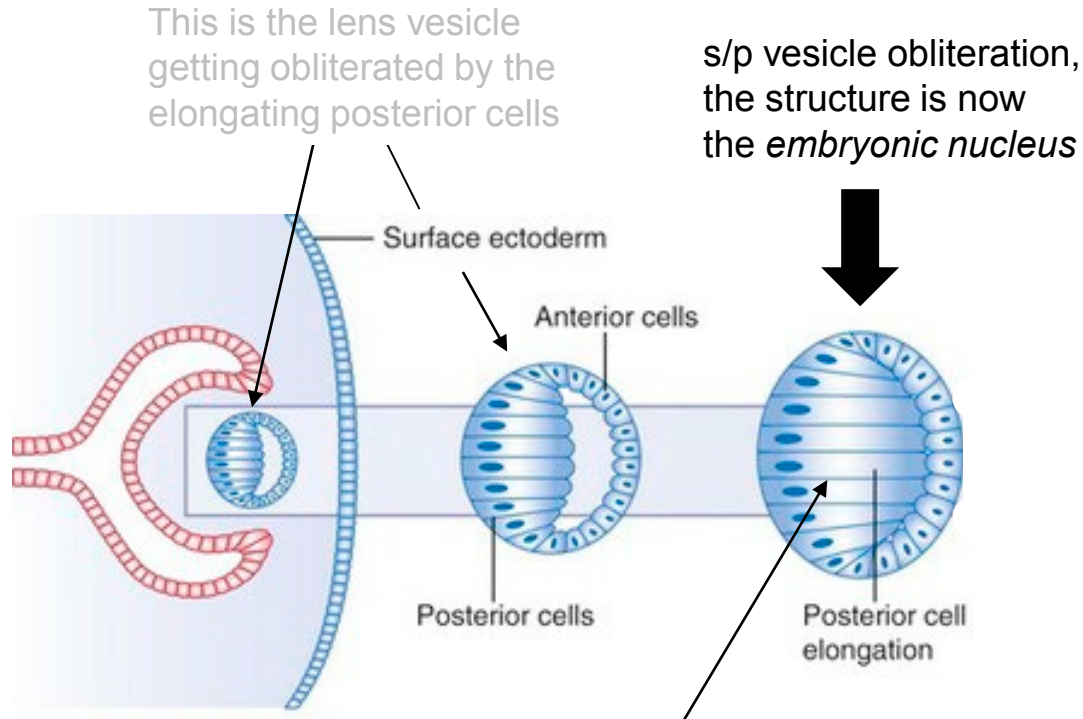
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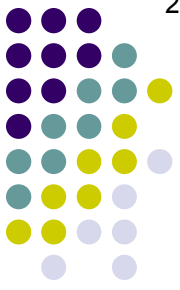
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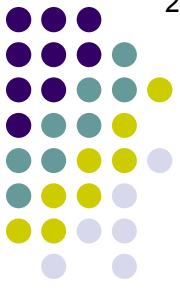


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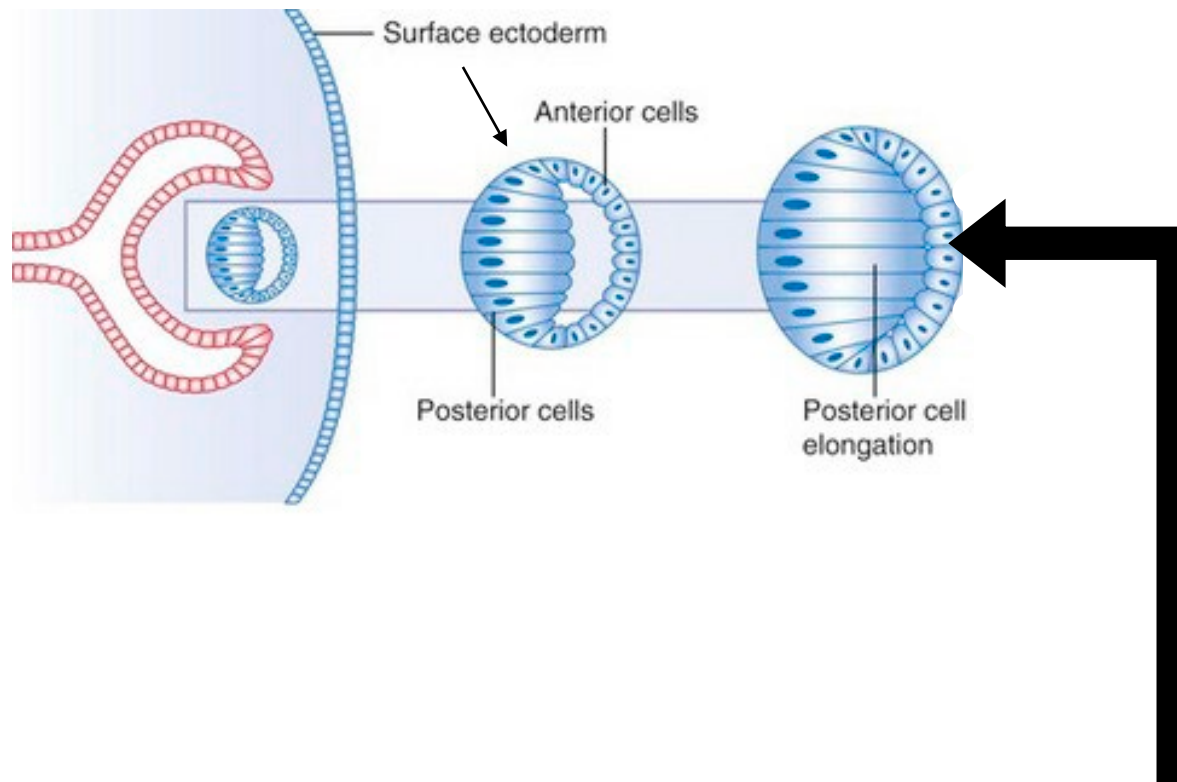
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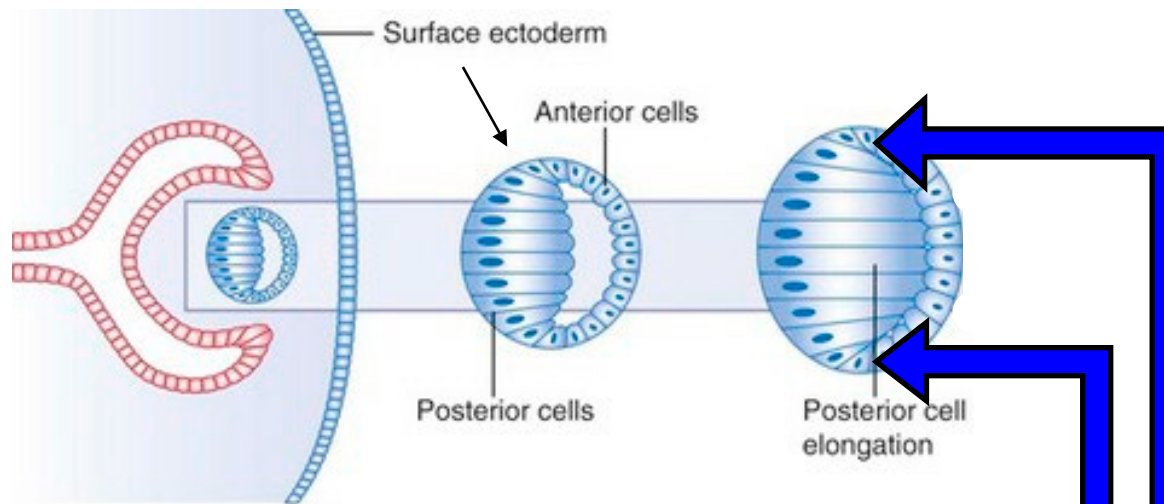
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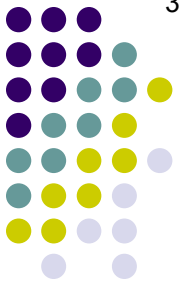


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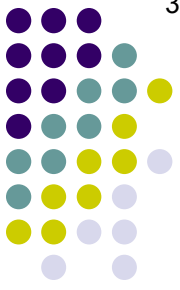


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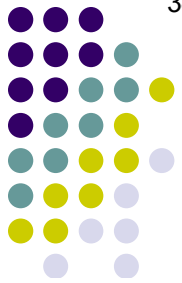


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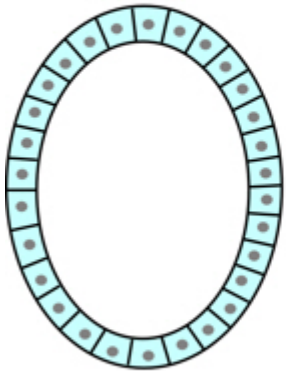
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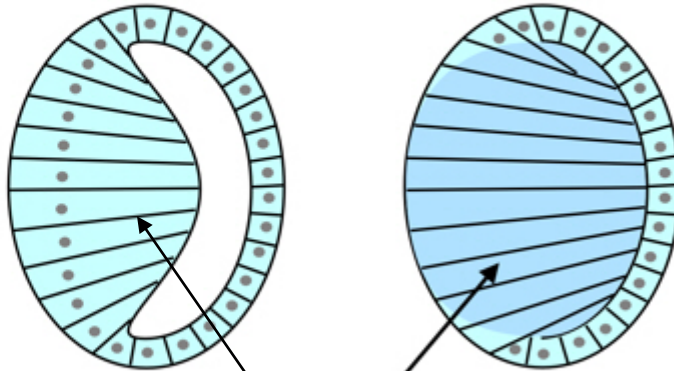
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Lens vesicle



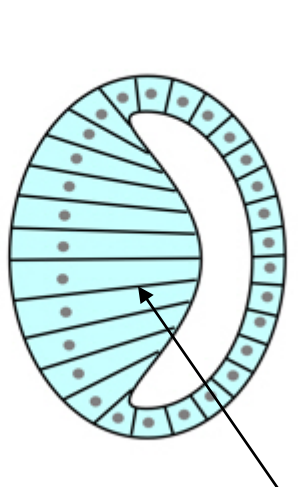
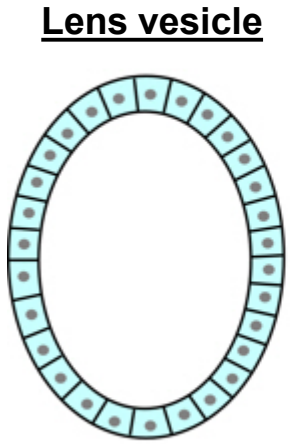
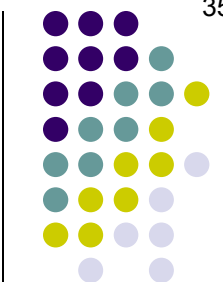
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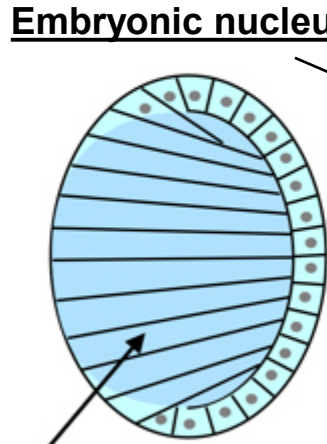
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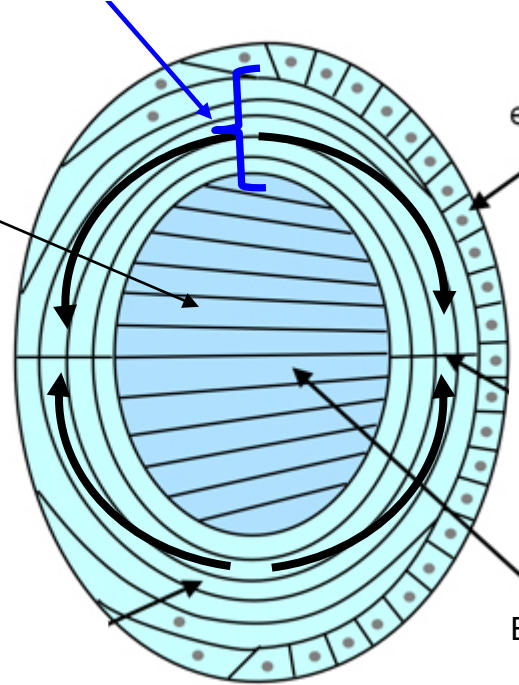
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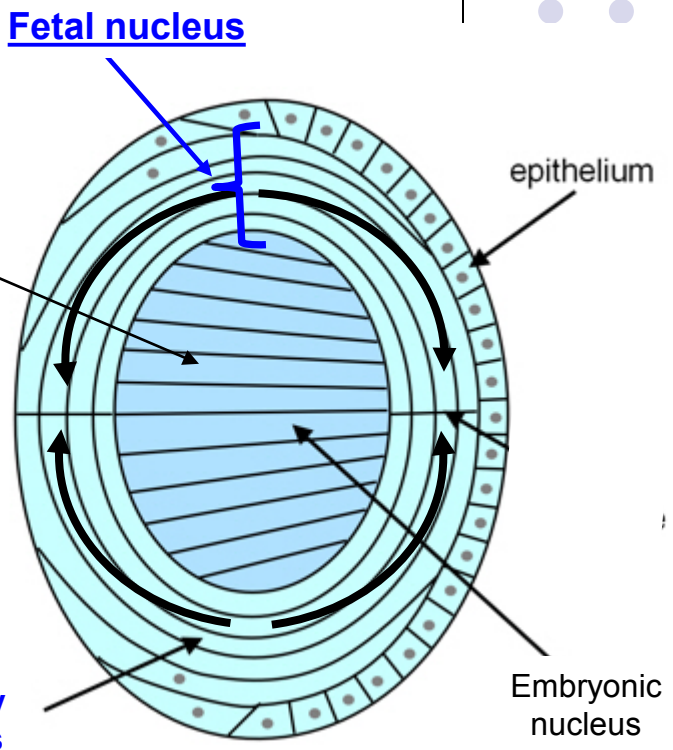
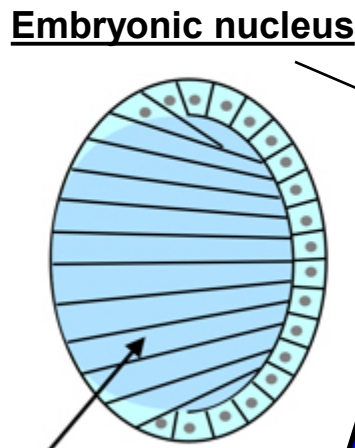
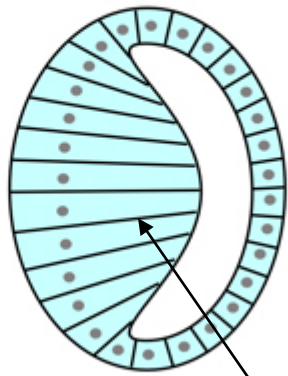
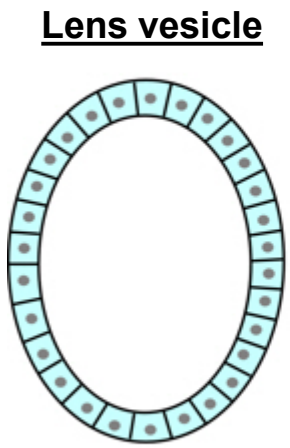
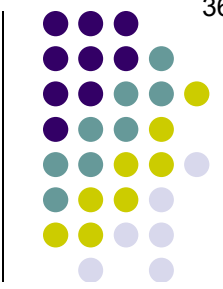


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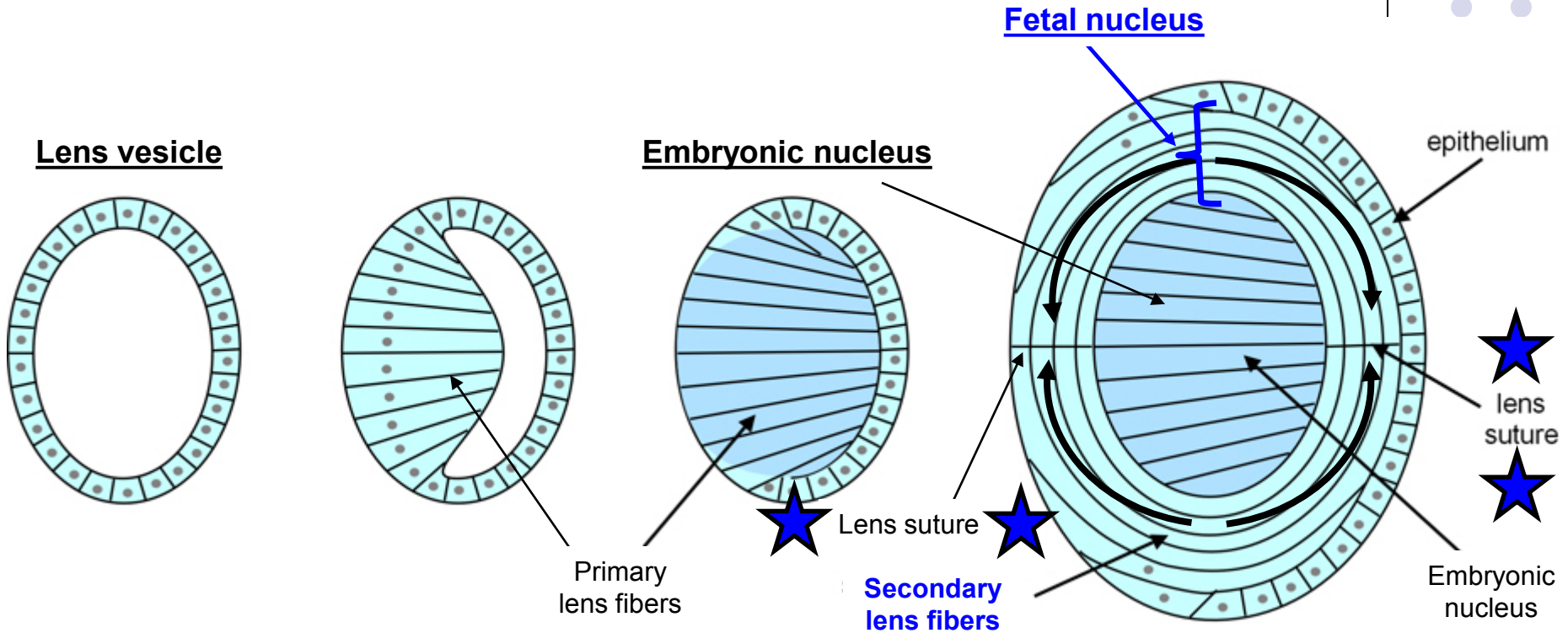


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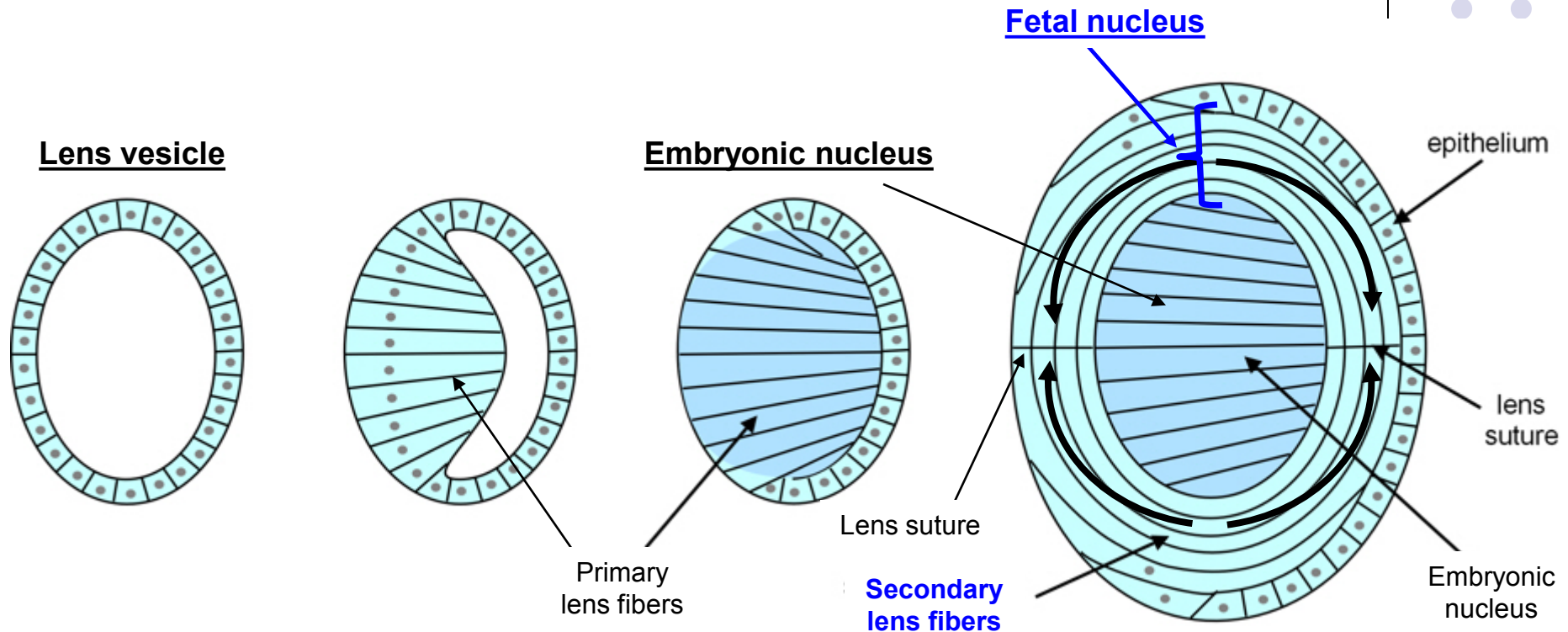
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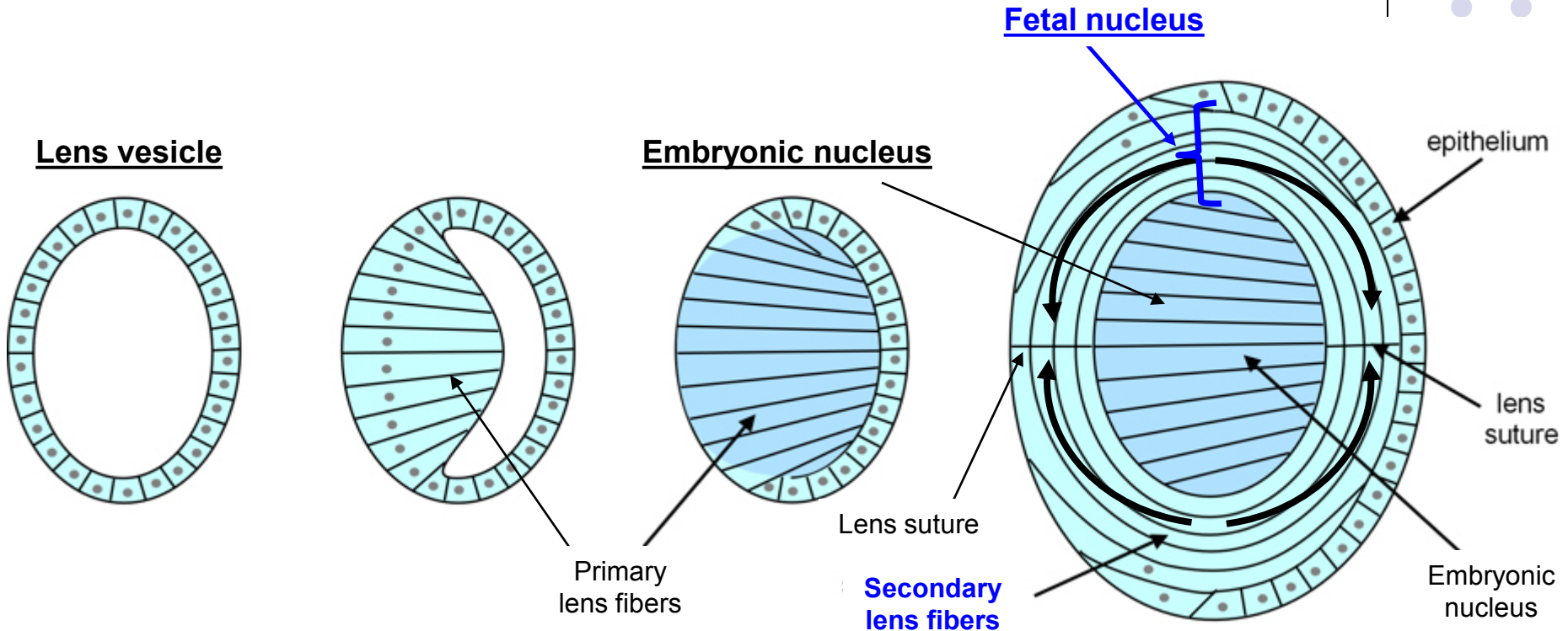
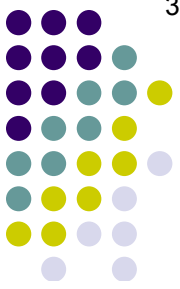
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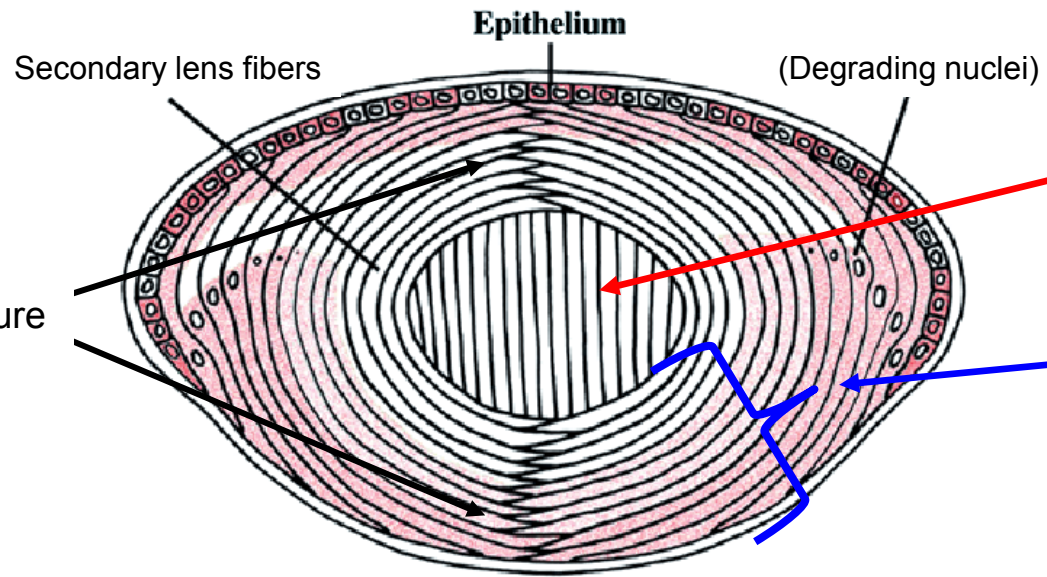
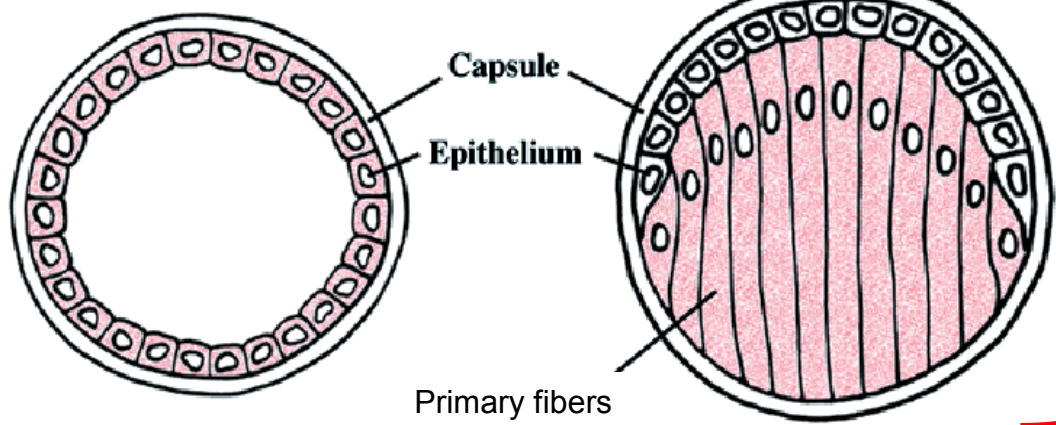


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Lens Embryology



Lens vesicle



Embryonic nucleus

Fetal nucleus

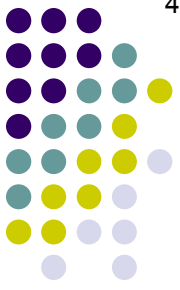
Another illustration making the same set of points



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Lens Embryology

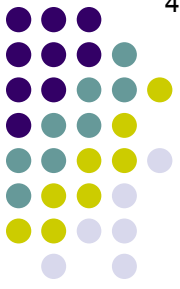
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- The two words (sort of) are formed by the anterior and posterior interdigitations of fetal nucleus fibers



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Lens Embryology

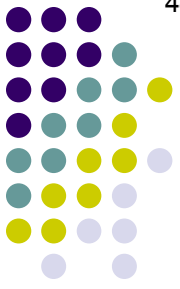
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Lens Embryology

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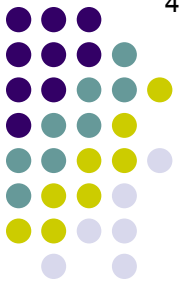
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Why are they called the 'Y sutures'?

Because they look like the letter Y



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Lens Embryology

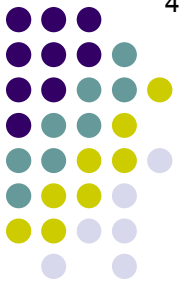
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How many Y sutures are there?



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Lens Embryology

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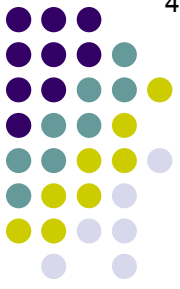
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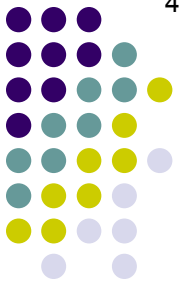
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- Why are they called the 'Y sutures'?*
Because they look like the letter Y
- How many Y sutures are there?*
Just the two—one anterior, one posterior
- How are they oriented?*



Q/A

Lens Embryology

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- The anterior cell
- The equatorial cell
- The equatorial cell anteriorly and posteriorly

Why are they called the 'Y sutures'?

Because they look like the letter Y

How many Y sutures are there?

Just the two—one anterior, one posterior

- The **Y sutures**

How are they oriented?

The anterior vs posterior one is right-side up; the anterior vs posterior one, upside down

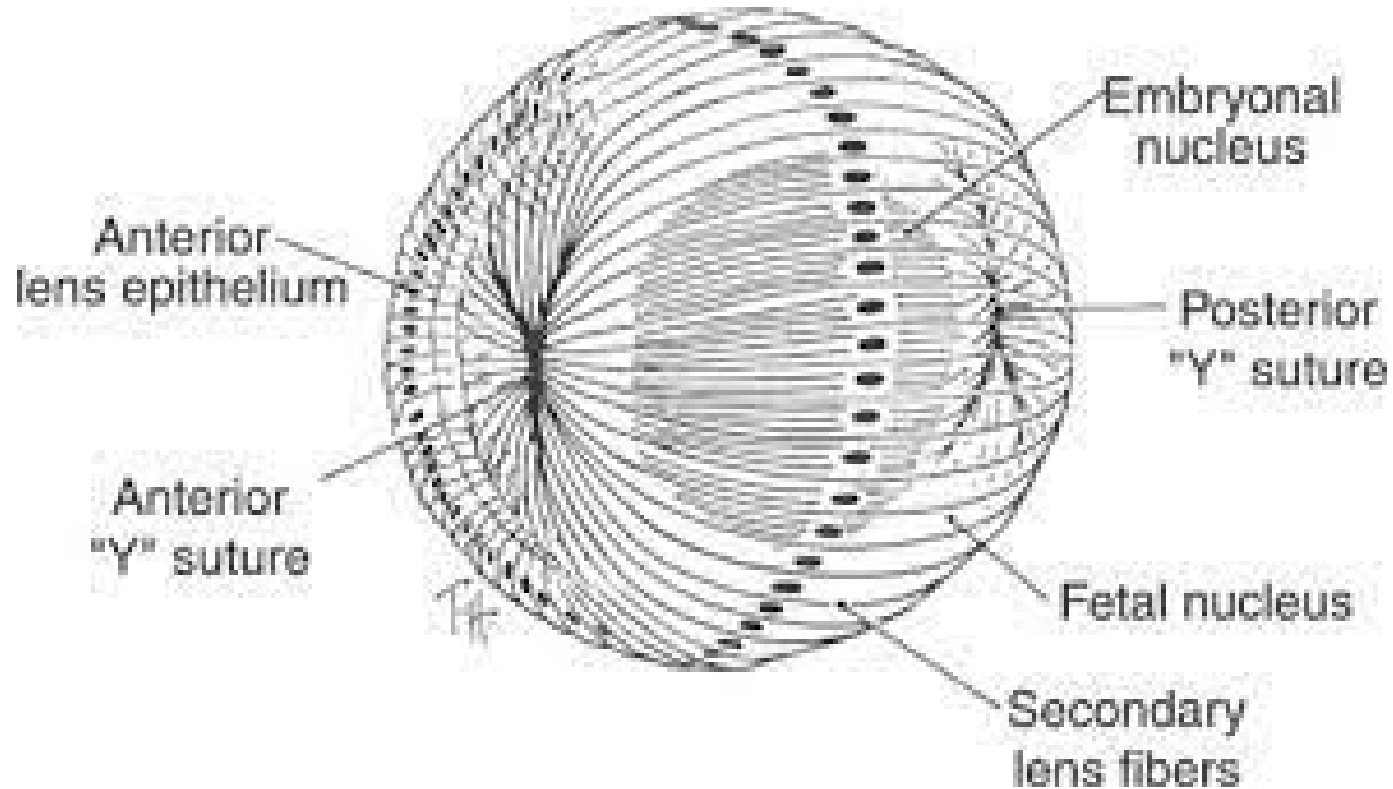


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Lens Embryology

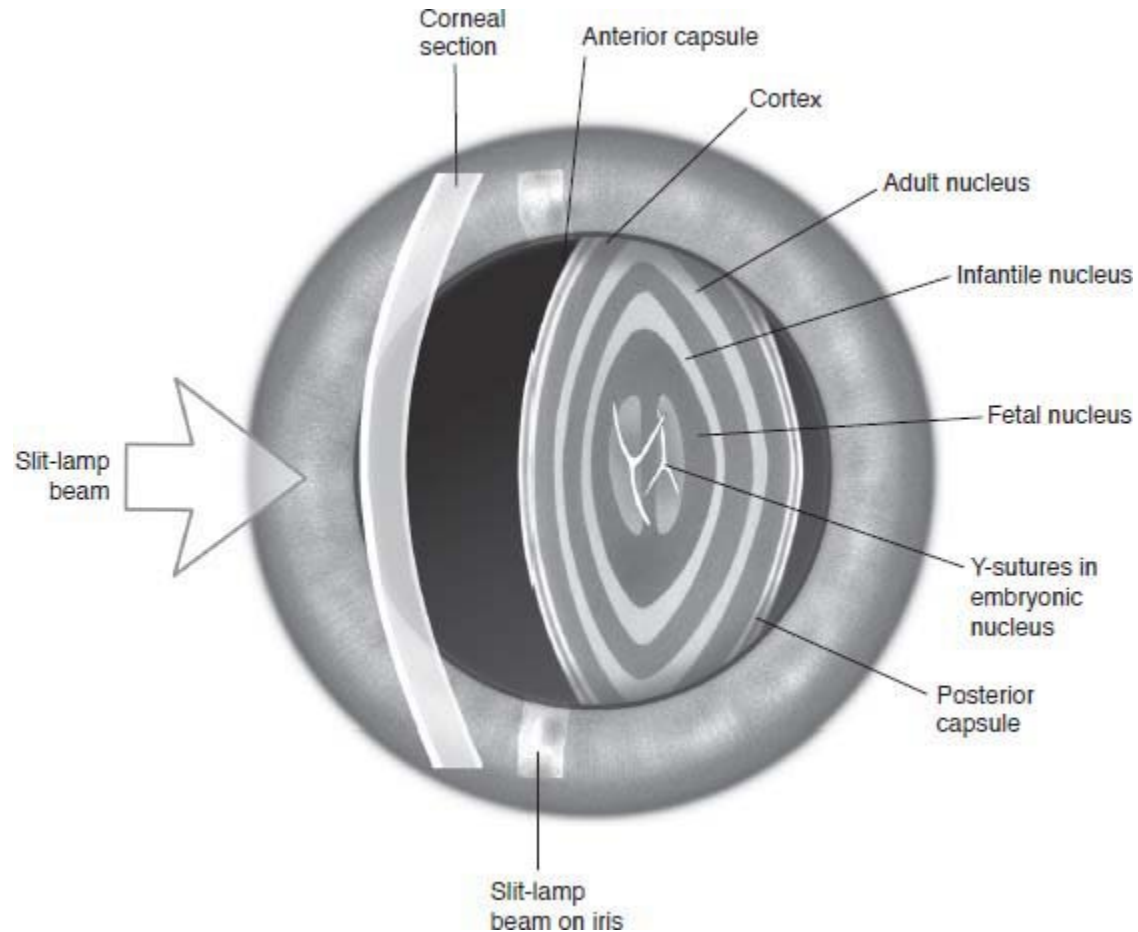
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- The interdigitations

Lens Embryology



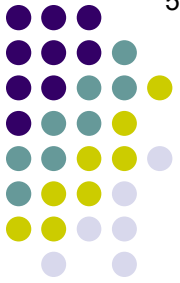
Lens: Y suture formation

Lens Embryology

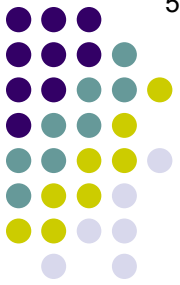


Y sutures as they might be seen at the slit lamp

Lens Embryology



The *lens* originates as a thickening of surface ectoderm overlying the *optic* (not lens!) *vesicle*, an outpouching of the primitive forebrain destined to become the neurosensory retina, RPE, and ciliary body epithelium (among other things). This thickened area of surface ectoderm is called the *lens placode*. The placode subsequently invaginates (at the *lens pit*), eventually forming a fluid-filled sphere containing a single layer of cells; this sphere is the *lens* (not optic!) *vesicle*. The outer wall of the lens vesicle consists of the basement membrane of the surface ectoderm cells now lining the *inner* aspect of the vesicle; this BM will form the *lens capsule*. The cells at the posterior aspect of the vesicle elongate to obliterate the vesicle's lumen and transform into the *primary lens fibers* that comprise the *embryonic nucleus*. Soon thereafter, equatorial epithelial cells elongate both anteriorly and posteriorly; as they encounter one another at the anterior and posterior poles, they interdigitate in a manner that creates the *Y sutures*. These *secondary lens fibers* comprise the *fetal nucleus*.



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

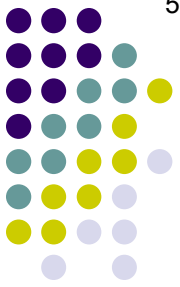
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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

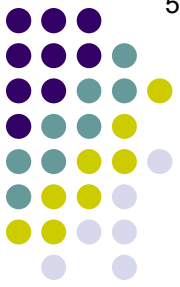
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1) ?

2) ?

3) ?



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

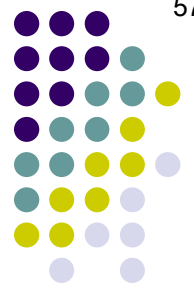
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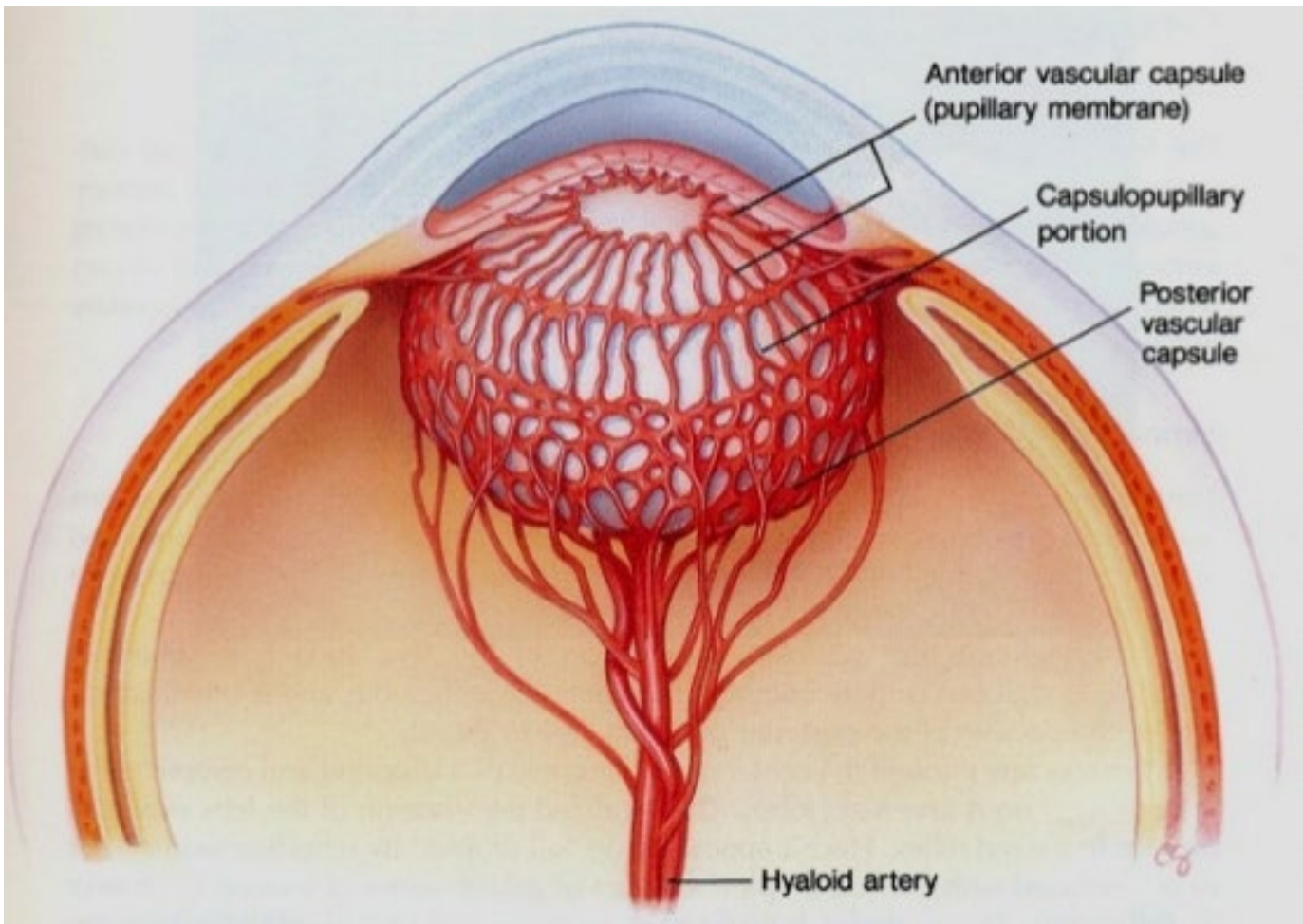
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2) The *anterior vascular capsule*

3) The *capsulopupillary portion*

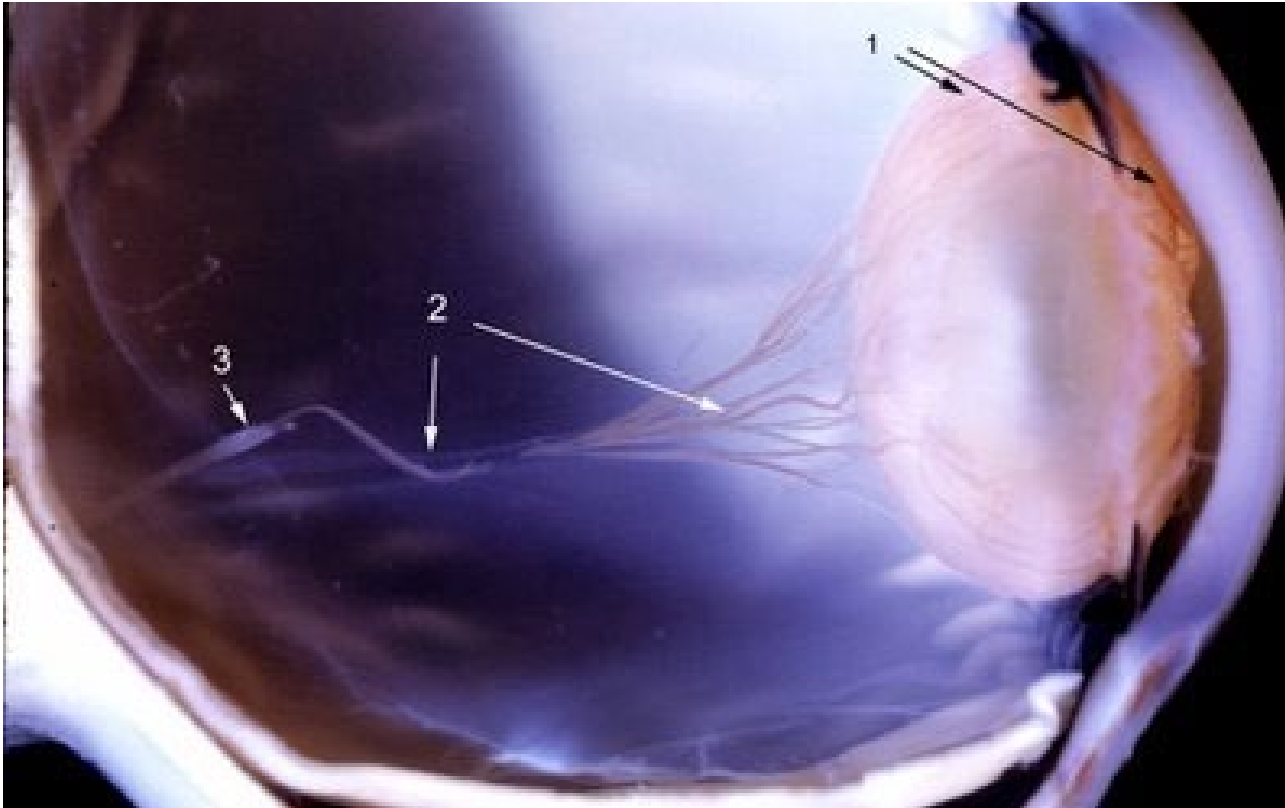


Lens (Vasculature) Embryology



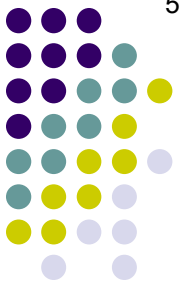
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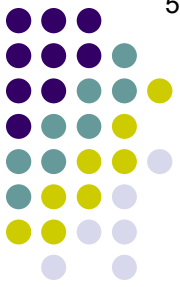
Lens (Vasculature) Embryology



In the eye of this very premature infant, the **tunica vasculosa lentis** surrounds the lens (arrows 1).

(We'll get to Arrows 2 and 3 shortly)





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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

- The vascular supply encapsulating the developing lens is called the **tunica vasculosa lentis**.

It has three sections:

1) The *posterior vascular capsule* arises from the artery

2) The *anterior vascular capsule*

3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

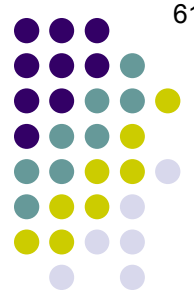
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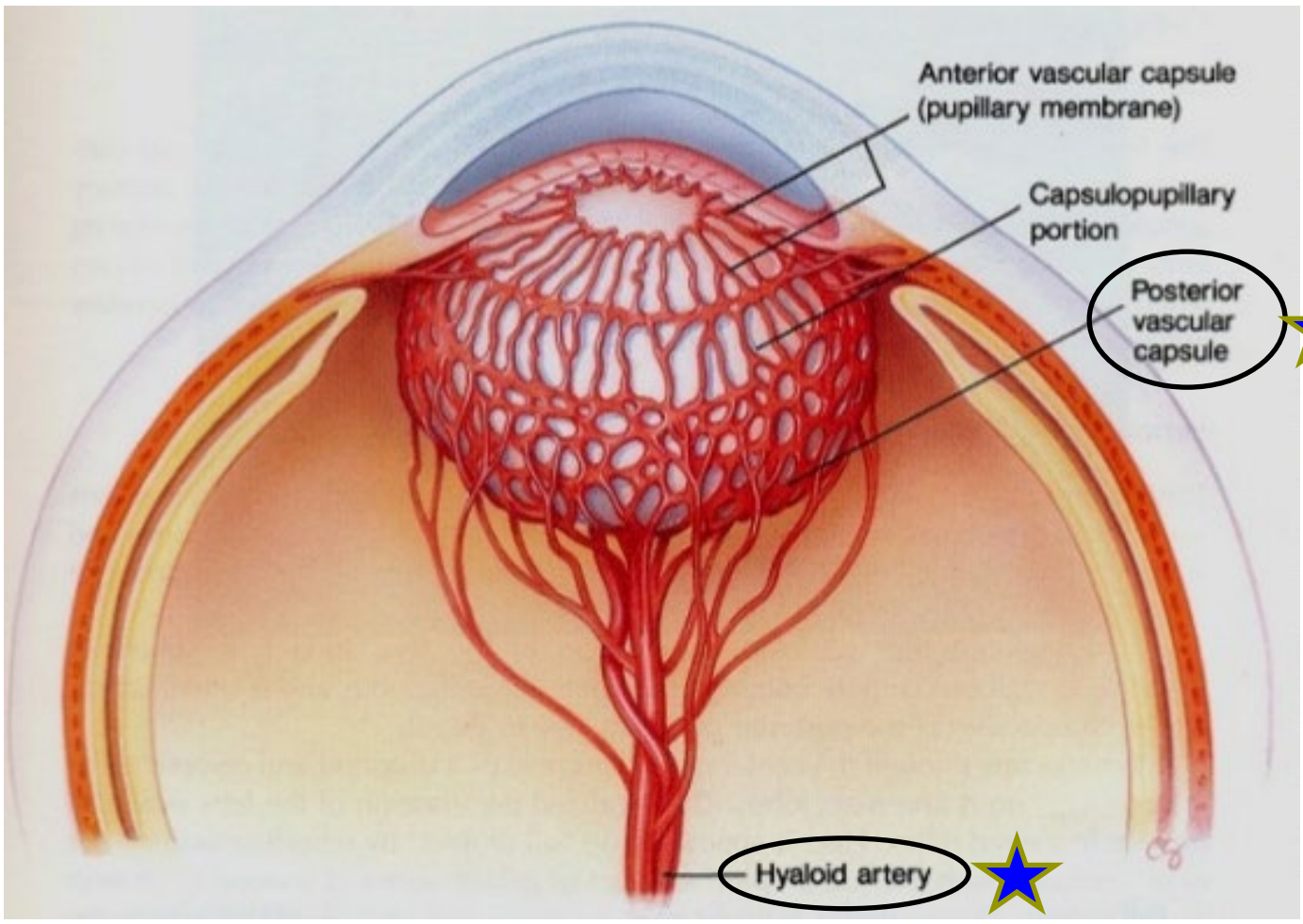
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2) The *anterior vascular capsule*

3) The *capsulopupillary portion*

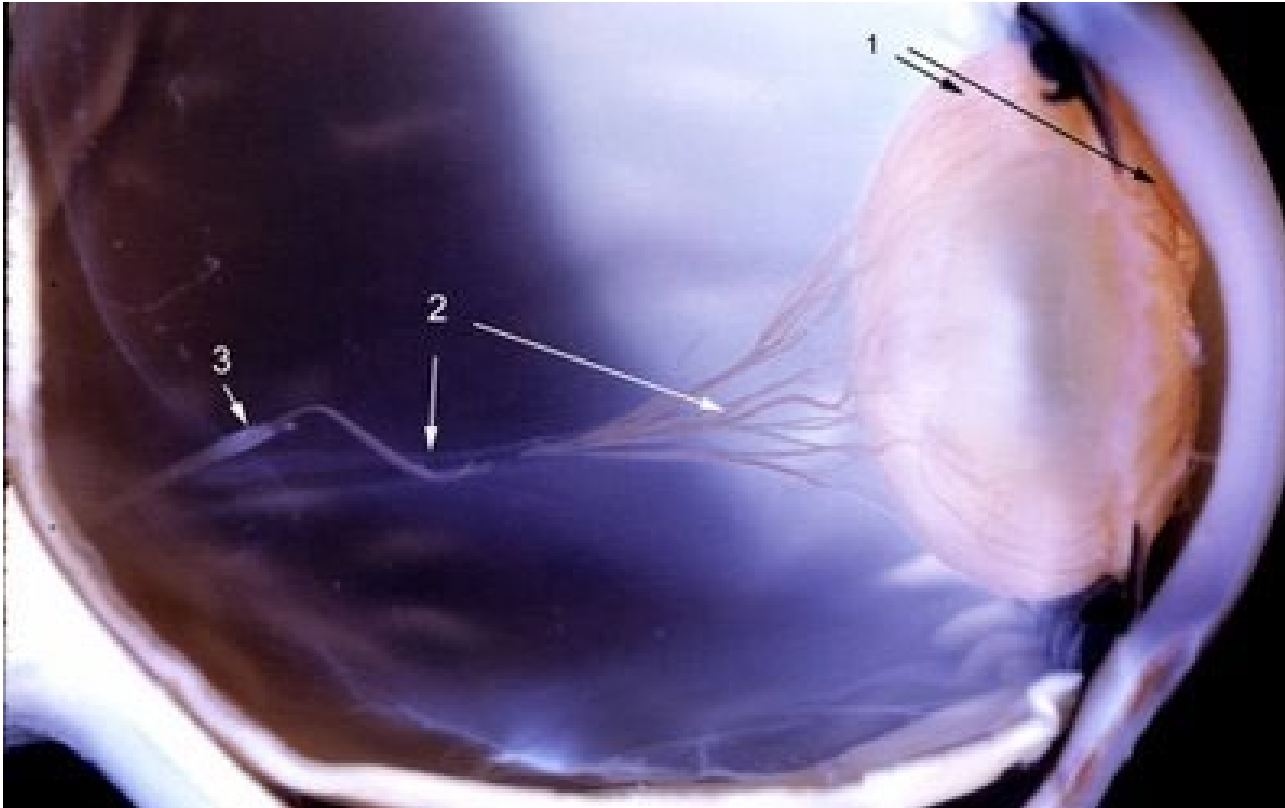


Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

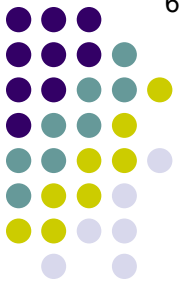


Tunica vasculosa lentis: Posterior vascular capsule

Lens (Vasculature) Embryology



In the eye of this very premature infant, the **tunica vasculosa lentis** surrounds the lens (arrows 1). It is contiguous with the hyaloid artery and its branches (arrow 2).



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

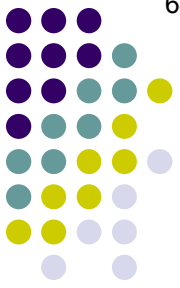
- The vascular supply encapsulating the developing lens is.

It is

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3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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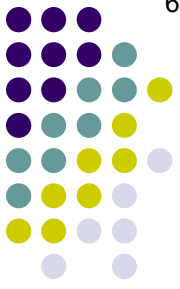
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3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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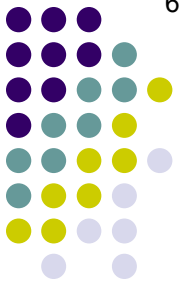
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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

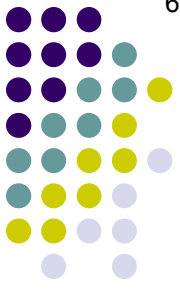
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3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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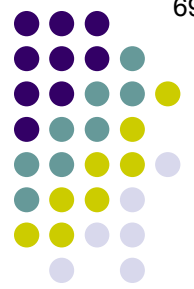
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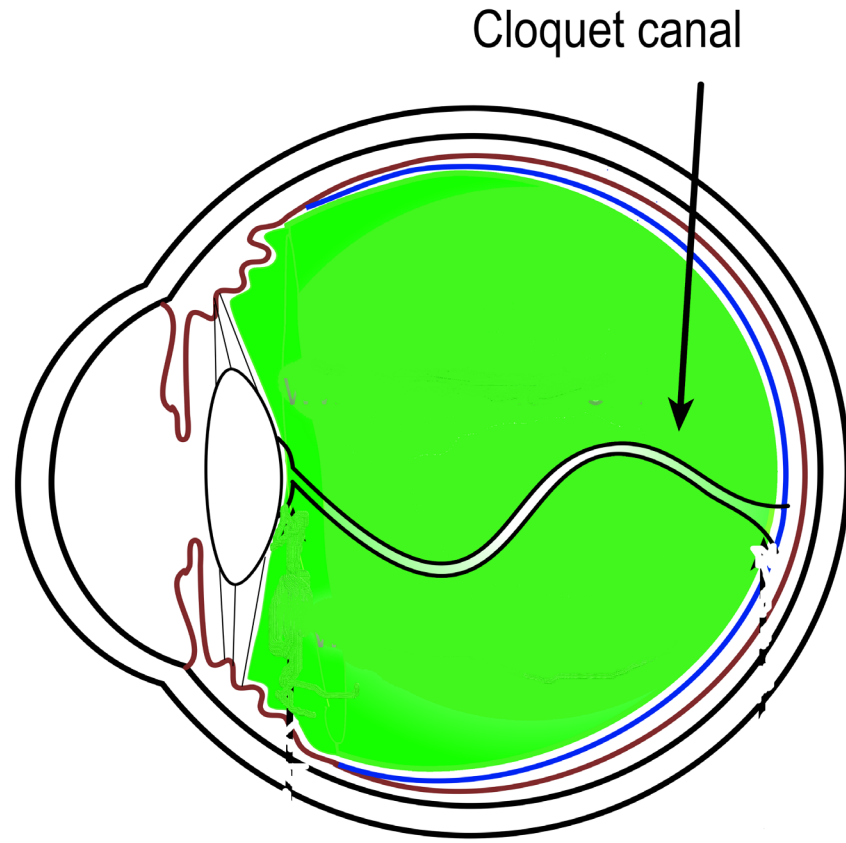
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Cloquet's canal

- 3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



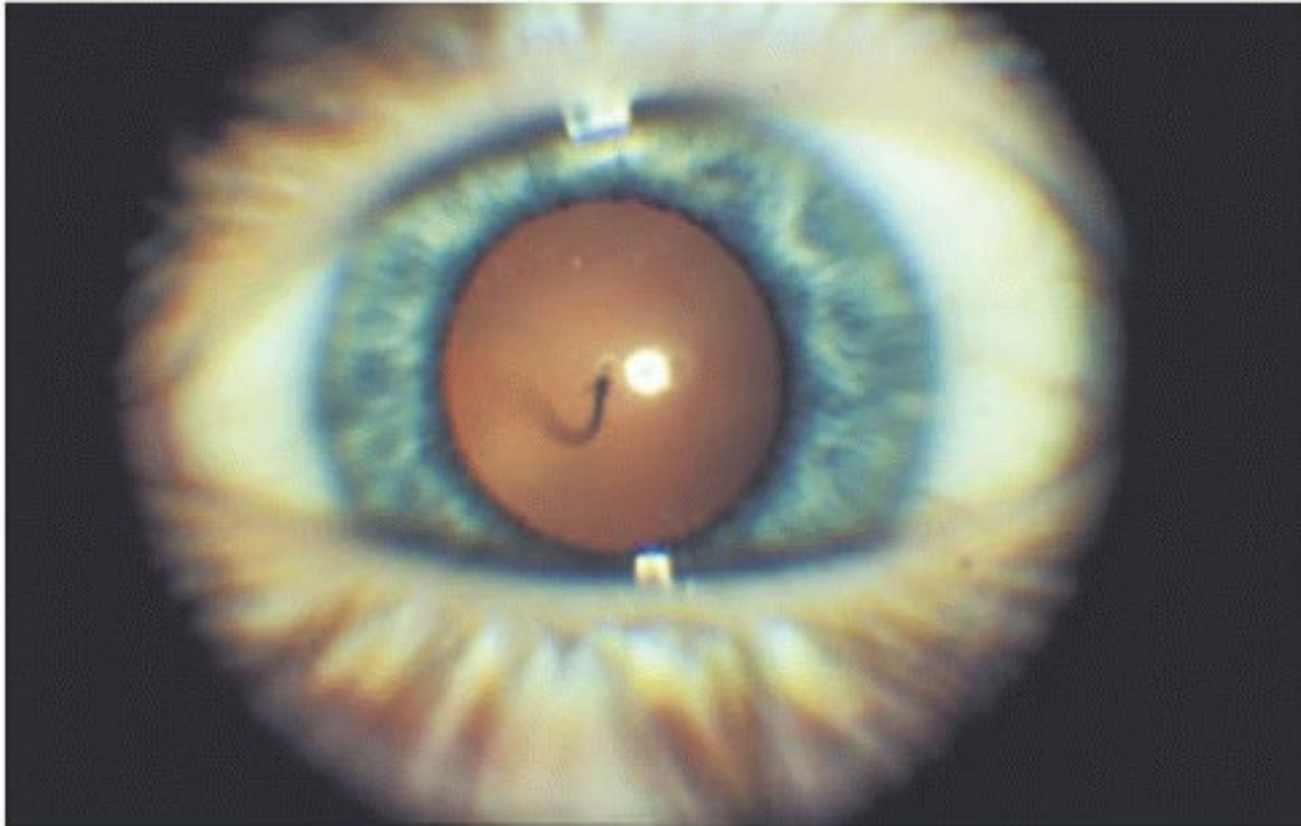
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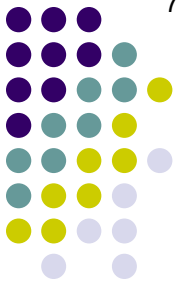
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Cloquet's canal

Lens (Vasculature) Embryology



Single loop of a persistent hyaloid artery extending anteriorly within [Cloquet's canal](#) to insert on the posterior capsule of the lens.



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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the **hyaloid** artery

- 2) *'Supposed to regress' implies it doesn't always do so. Is this the case?*

- 3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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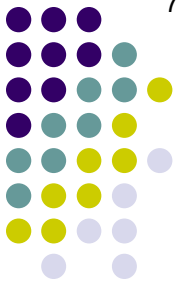
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Yes—in a significant number of people, complete regression fails to occur (to some degree)

3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



Q

Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

- The vascular supply encapsulating the developing

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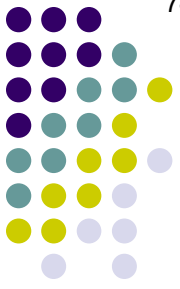
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Is this failure-to-regress clinically significant?

- 3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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- 2) Yes—in a significant number of people, complete regression **fails to occur**
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Is this failure-to-regress clinically significant?

In the vast majority of cases, no; but it is **extremely** significant
—as in sight-threatening—in a few (more on this shortly)

- 3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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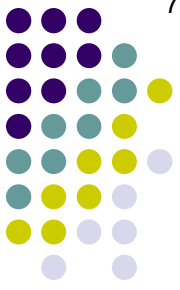
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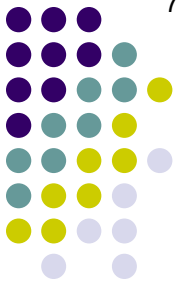
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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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 - A common, clinically insignificant remnant is the **Mittendorf dot**
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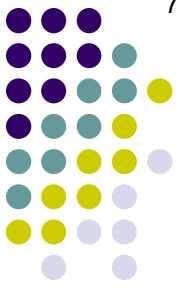
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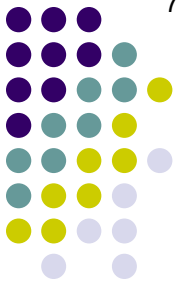
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(*Bergmeister papillae* works too—more about it shortly)

2) The *anterior vascular capsule*

3) The *capsulopupillary portion*



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Lens (Vasculature) Embryology

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How does a Mittendorf dot present clinically?

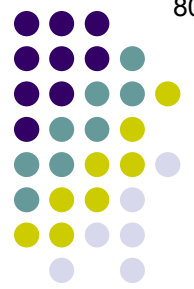
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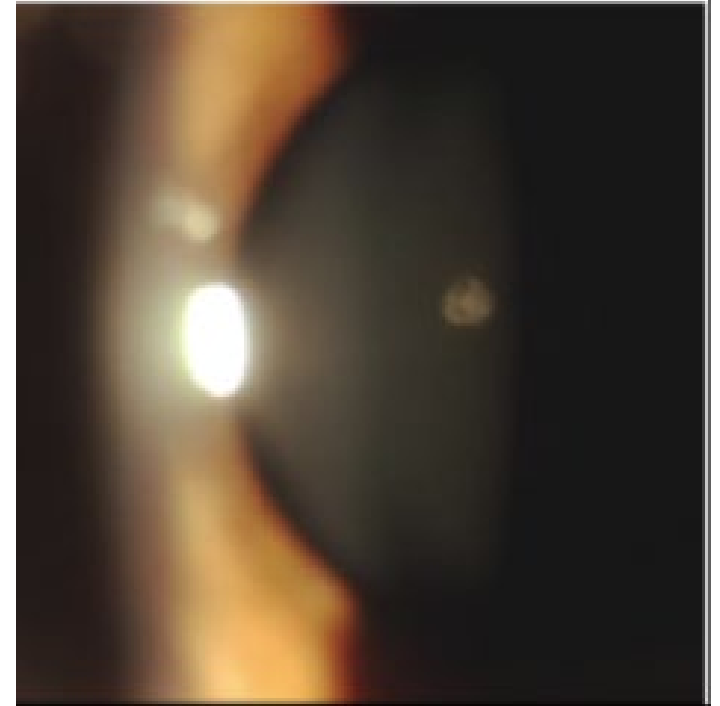
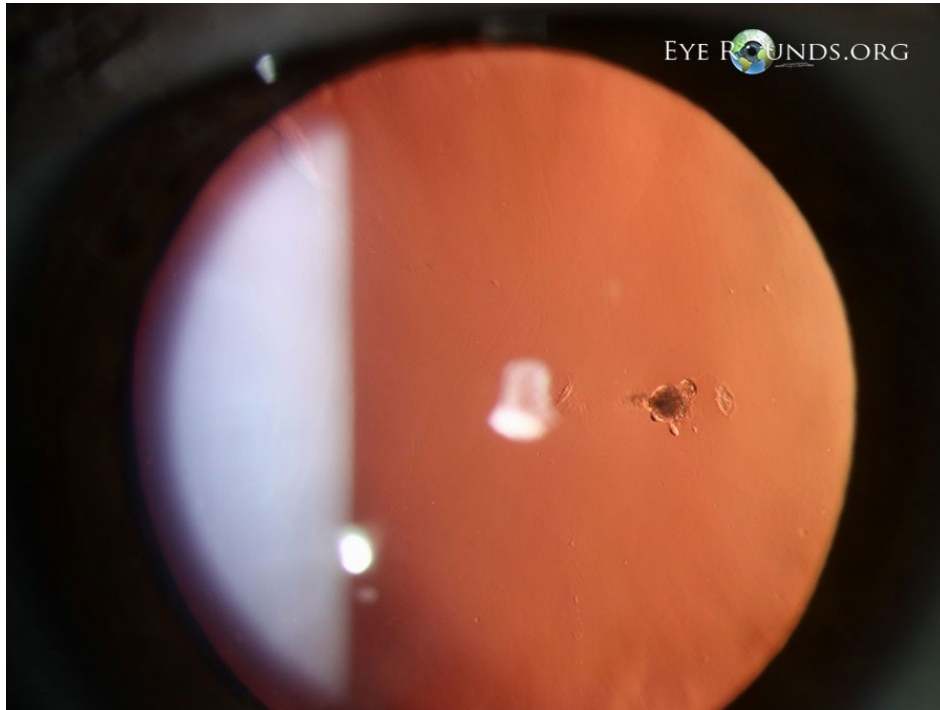
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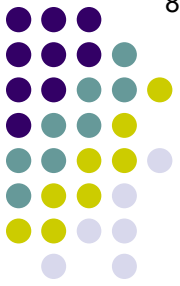
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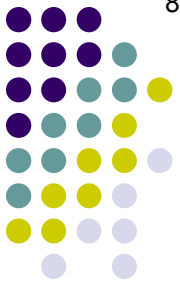
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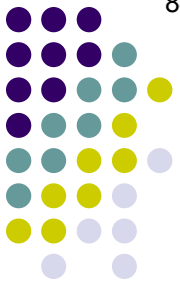
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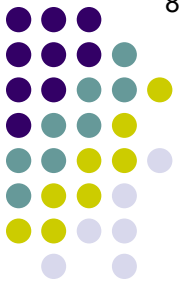
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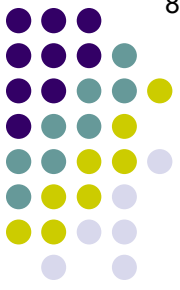
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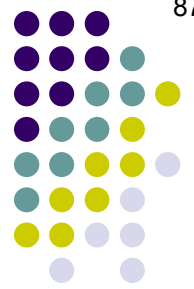
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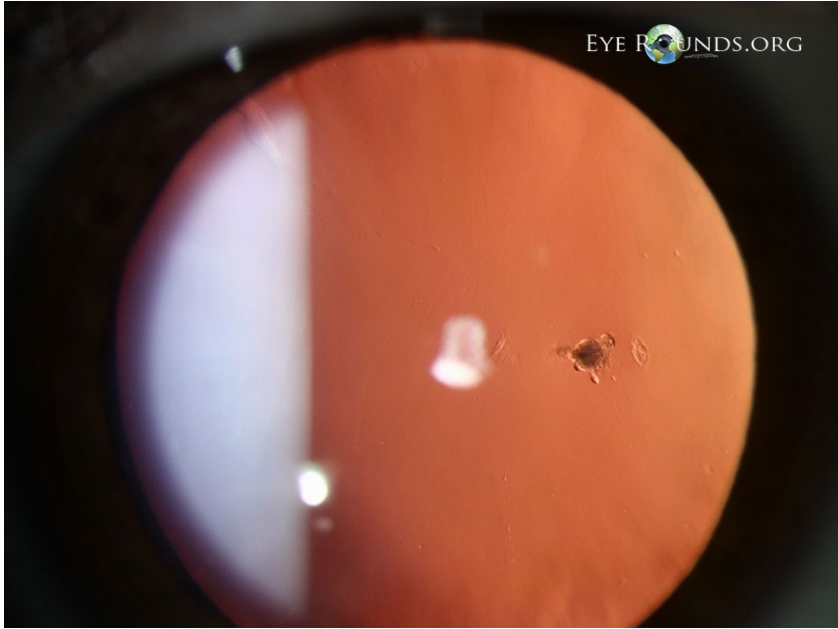
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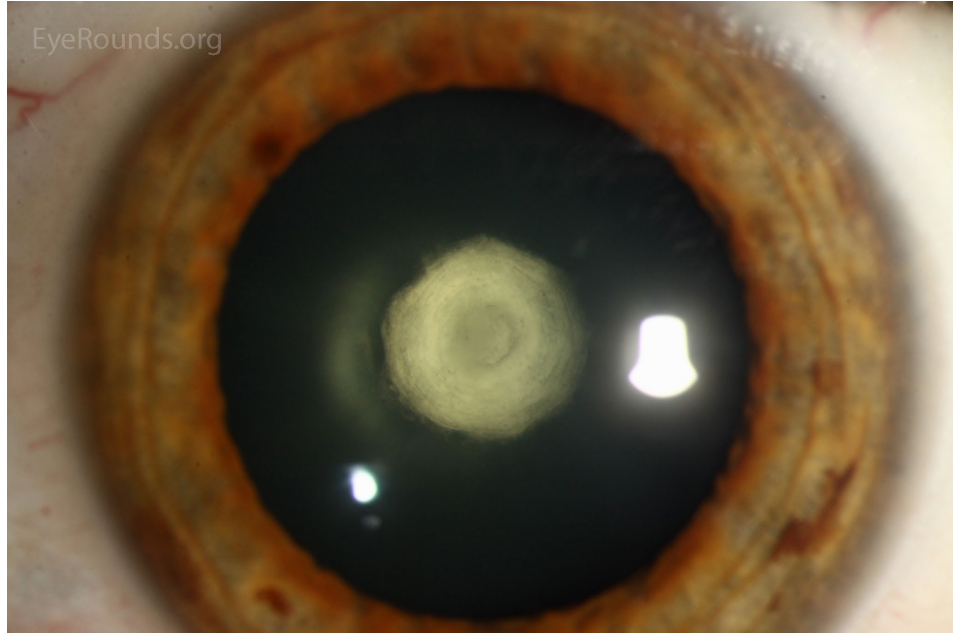
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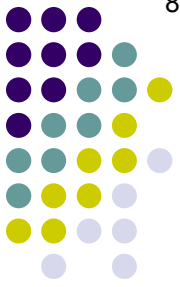
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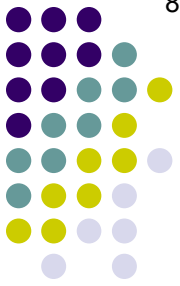
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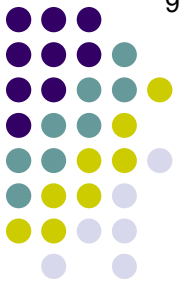
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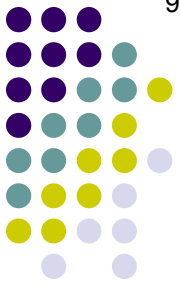
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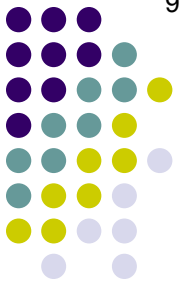
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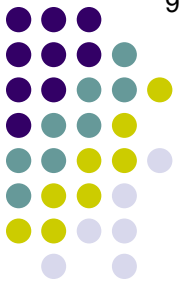
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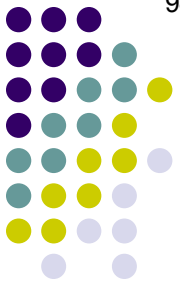
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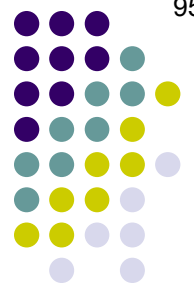
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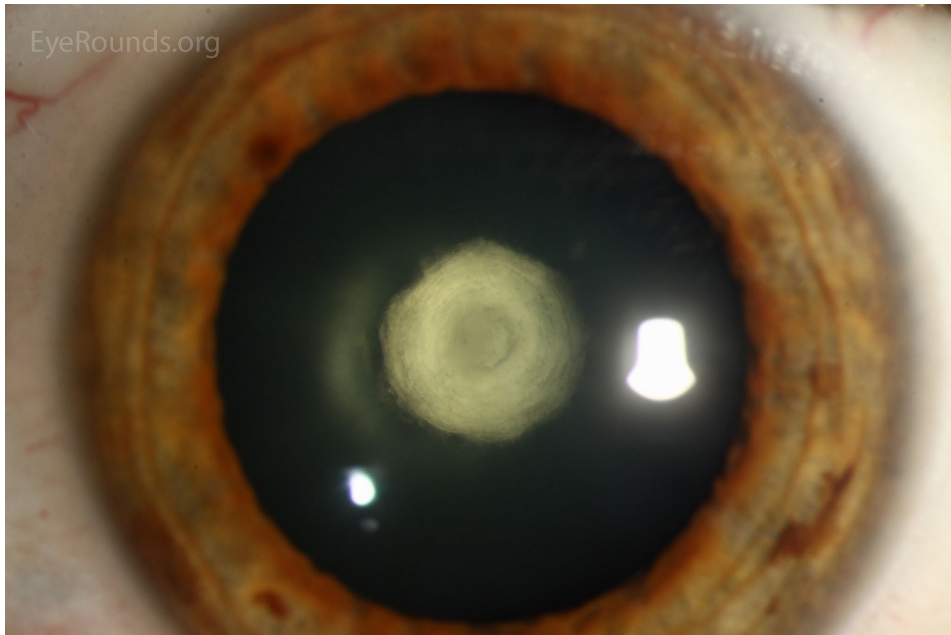
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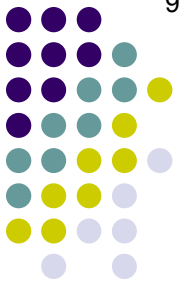
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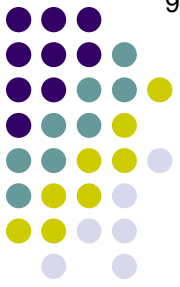
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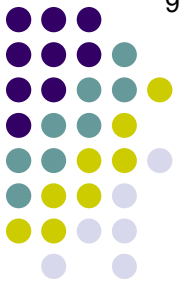
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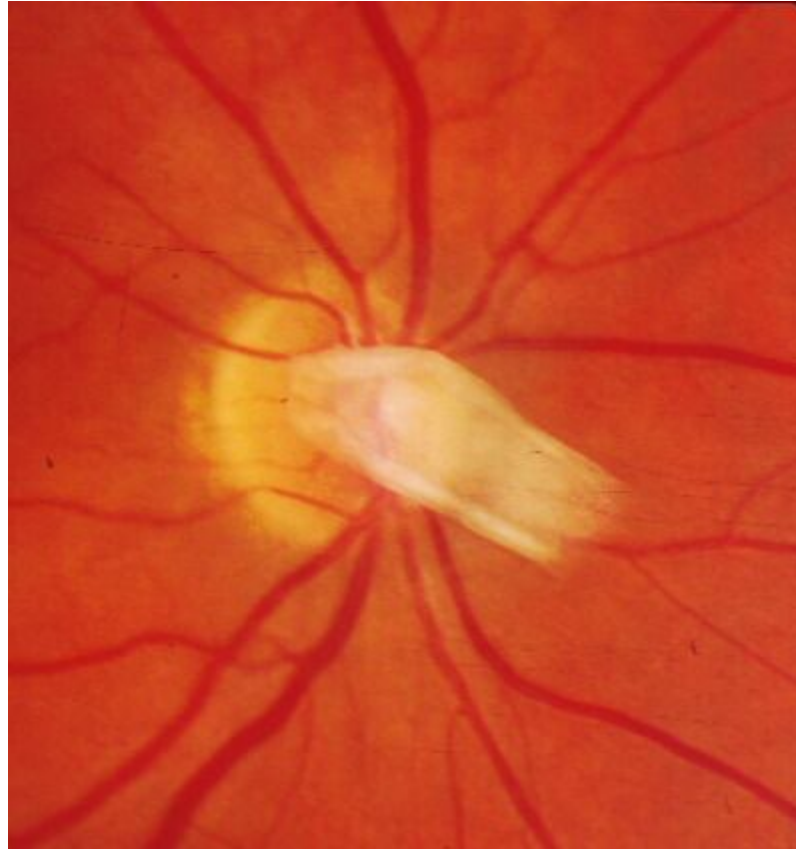
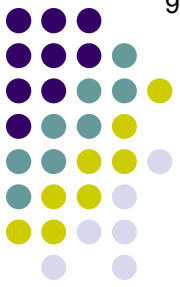
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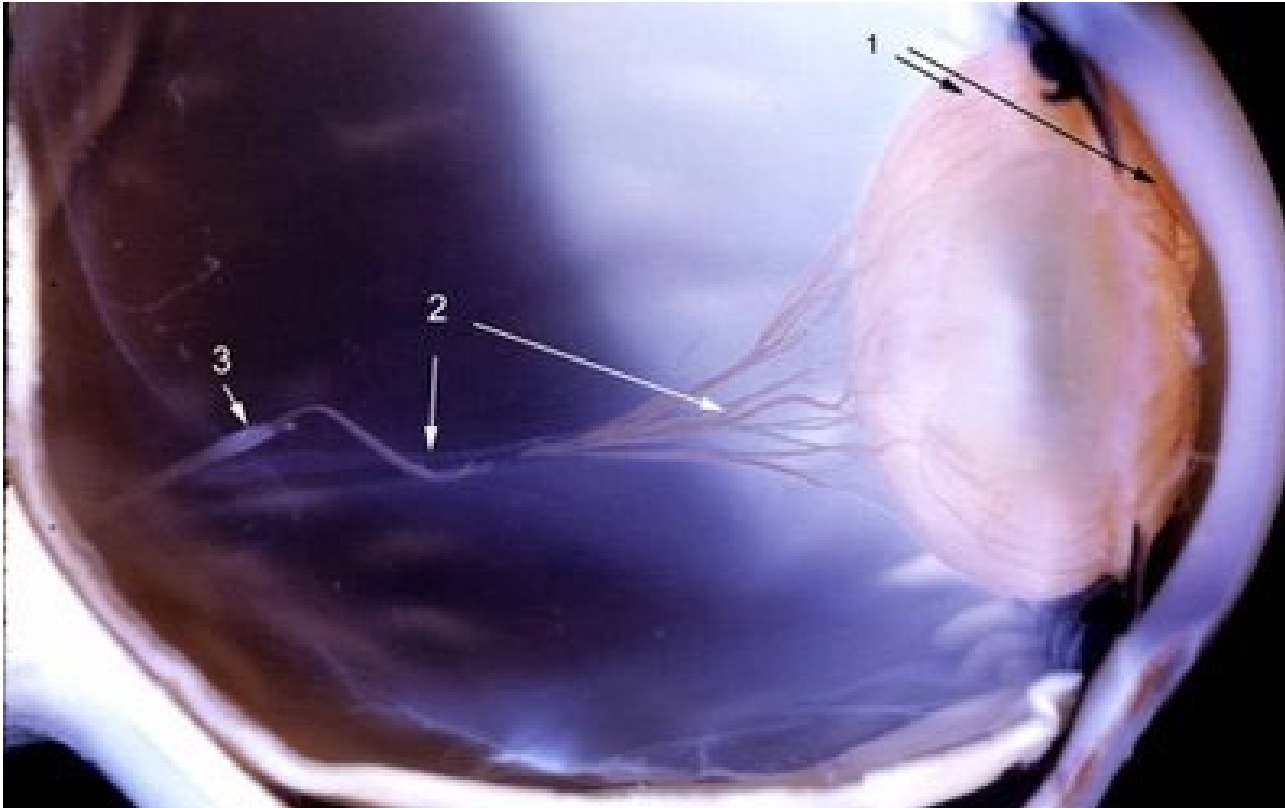
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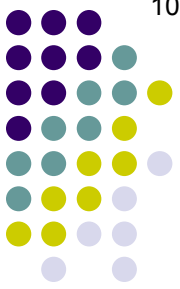


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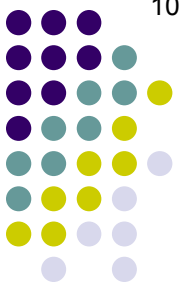
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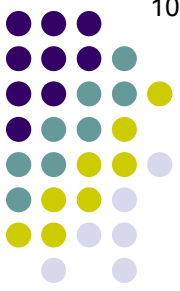
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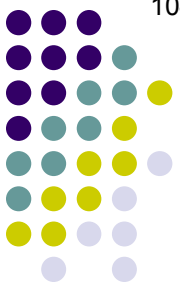
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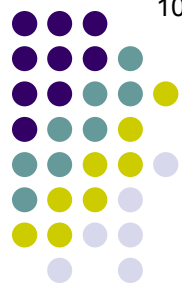
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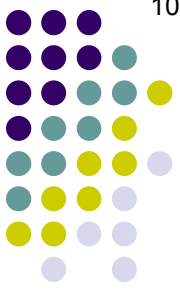
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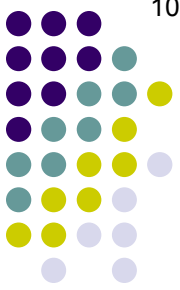
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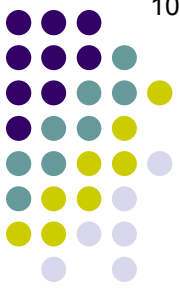
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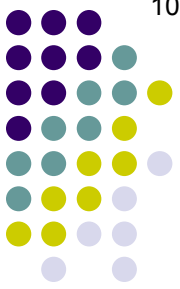
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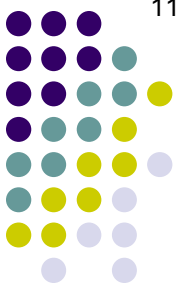
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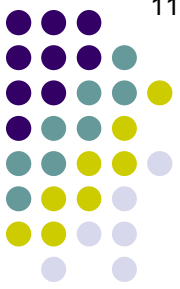
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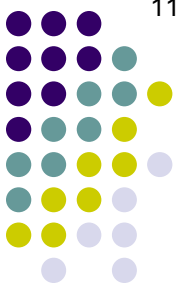
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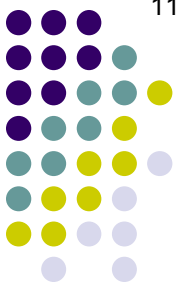
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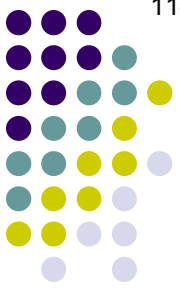
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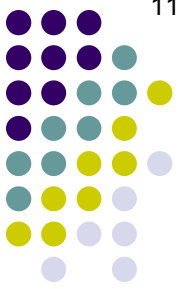
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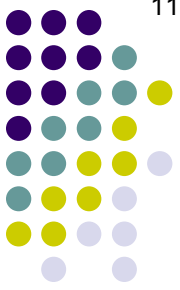
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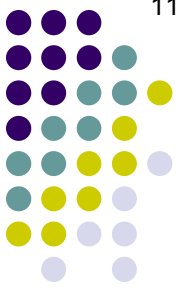
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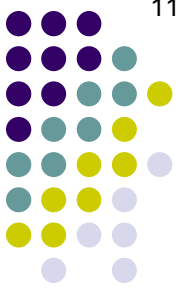
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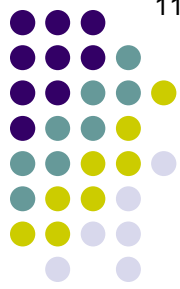
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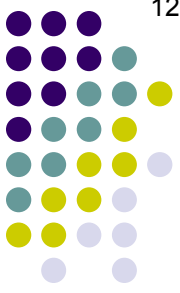
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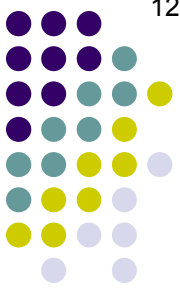
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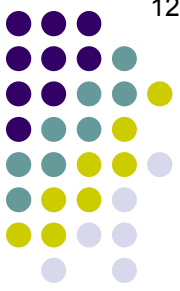
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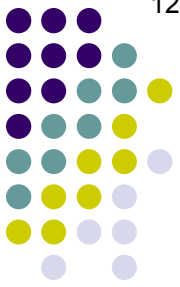
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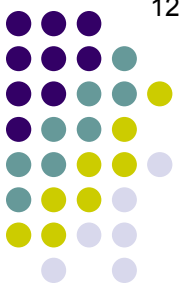
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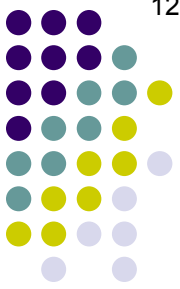
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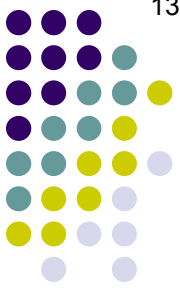
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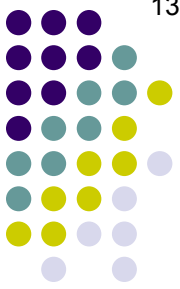
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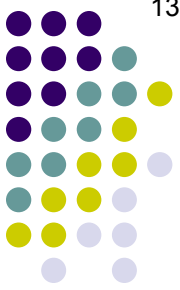
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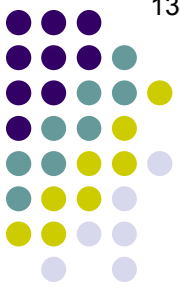
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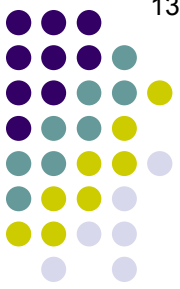
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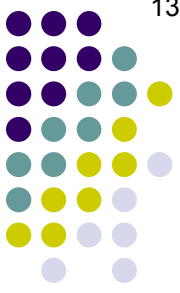
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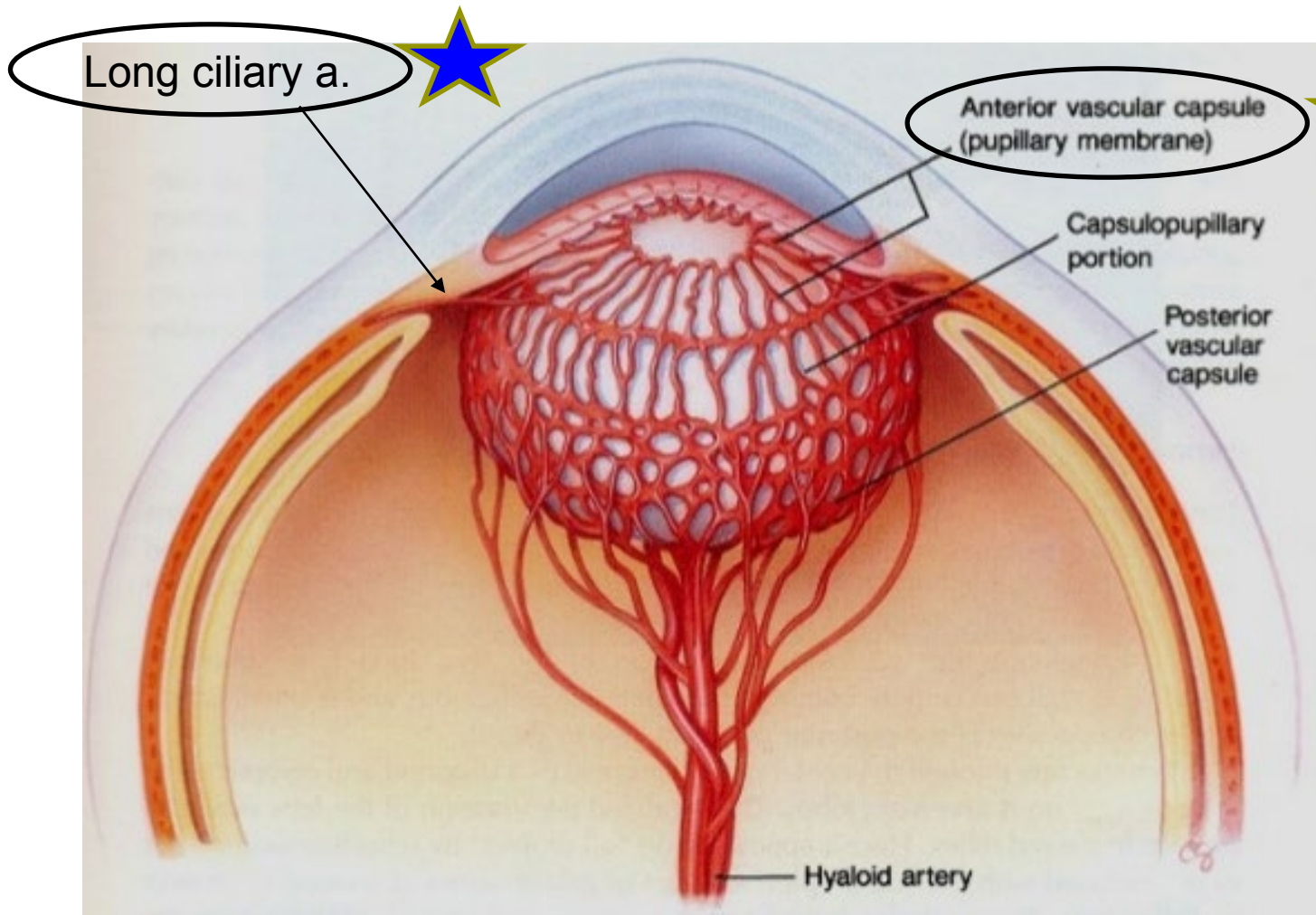
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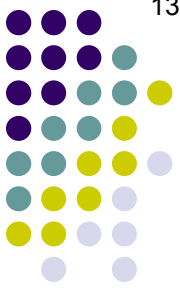
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Tunica vasculosa lentis: Anterior vascular capsule



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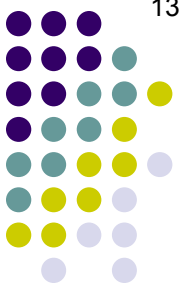
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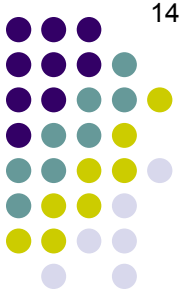
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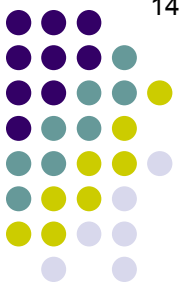


Trivial case



Hey now

Persistent pupillary membrane



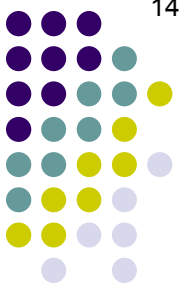
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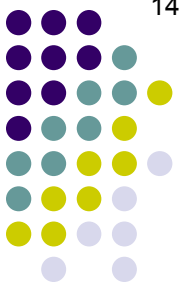
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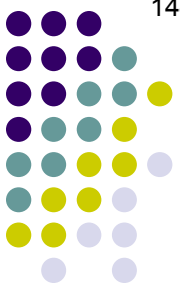
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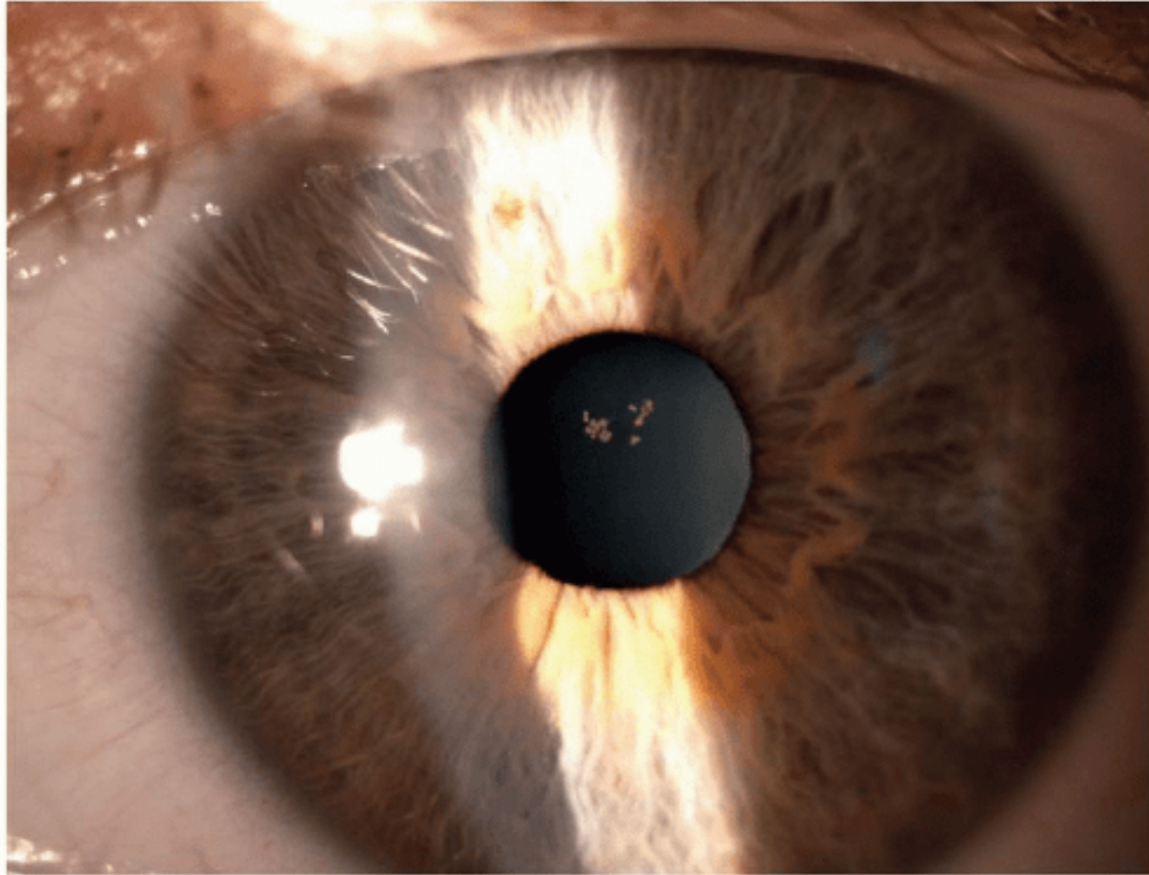
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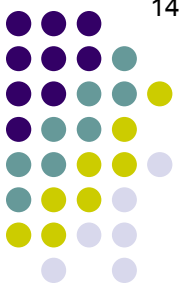
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Epicapsular star





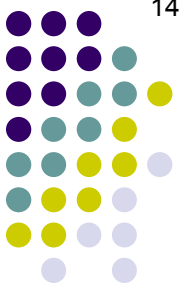
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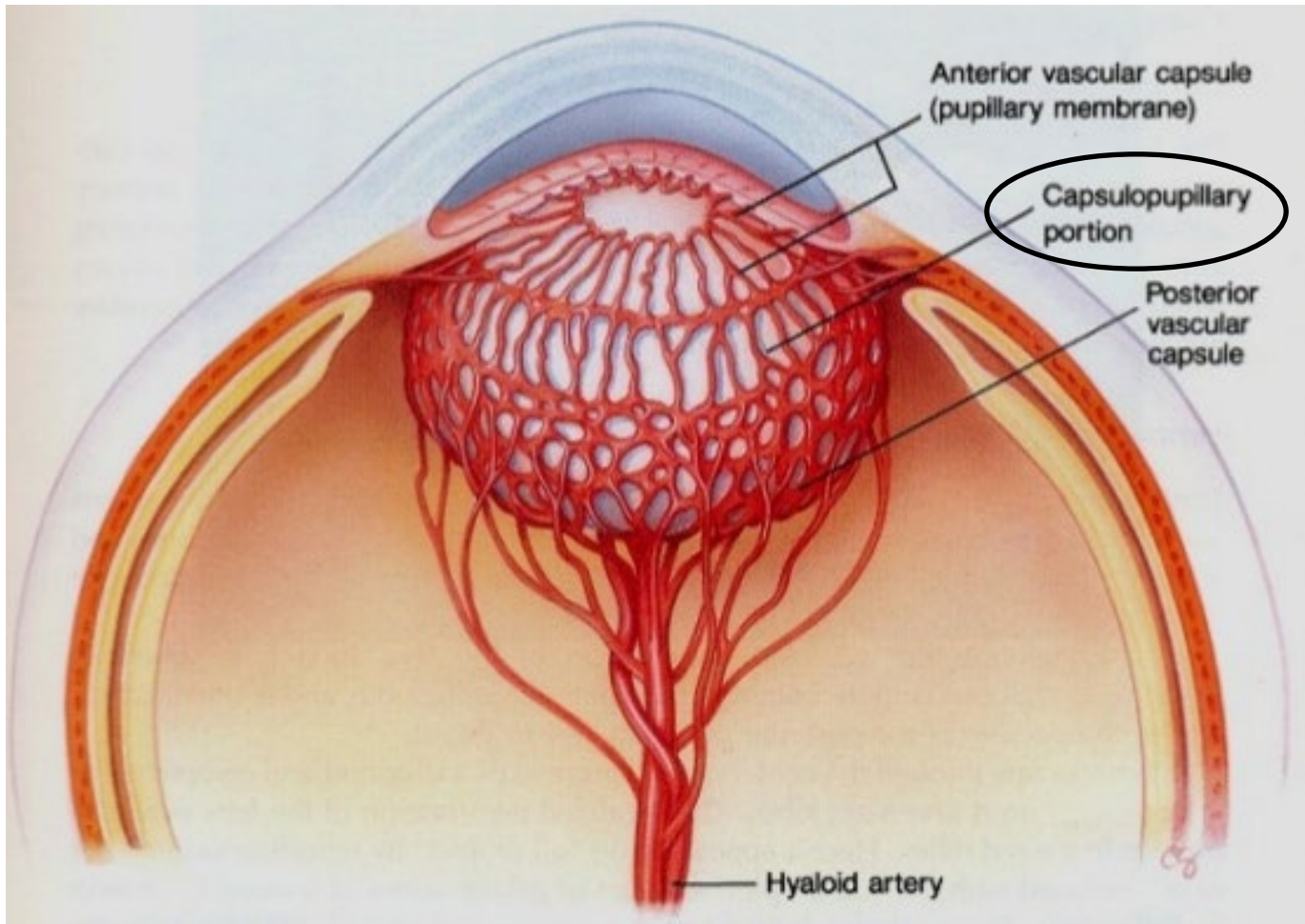
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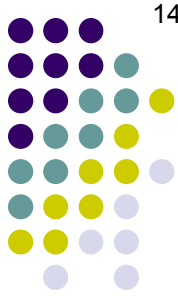
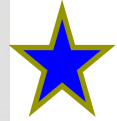
It has three sections:

- 1) The *posterior vascular capsule* arises from the **hyaloid** artery
 - A common, clinically insignificant remnant is the **Mittendorf dot**
 - A less common, clinically devastating remnant is **PFV**
- 2) The *anterior vascular capsule* derives from the **long ciliary** arteries
 - A common, clinically insignificant (usually) remnant is a **persistent pupillary membrane**
 - Another common remnant is the **epicapsular star**, colloquially referred to as '**chicken feet**' on the anterior capsule
- 3) The *capsulopupillary portion* **anastomoses** the anterior and posterior sections of the tunica

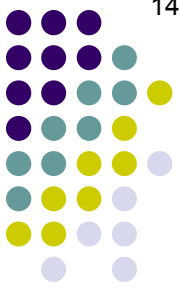
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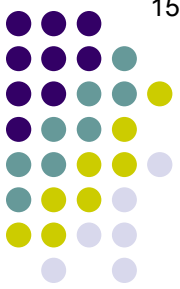
Tunica vasculosa lentis: Capsulopupillary portion



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Lens (Zonules) Embryology

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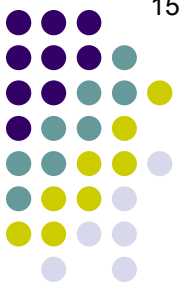
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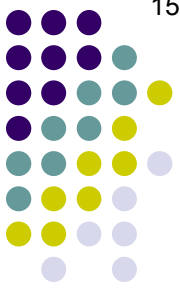
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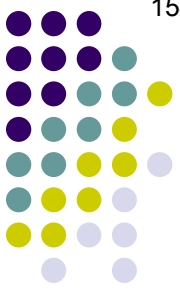
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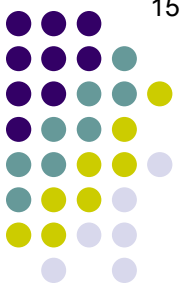
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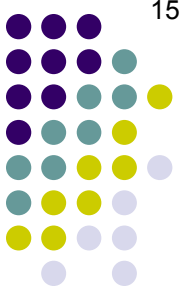
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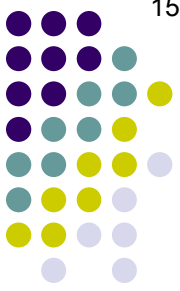
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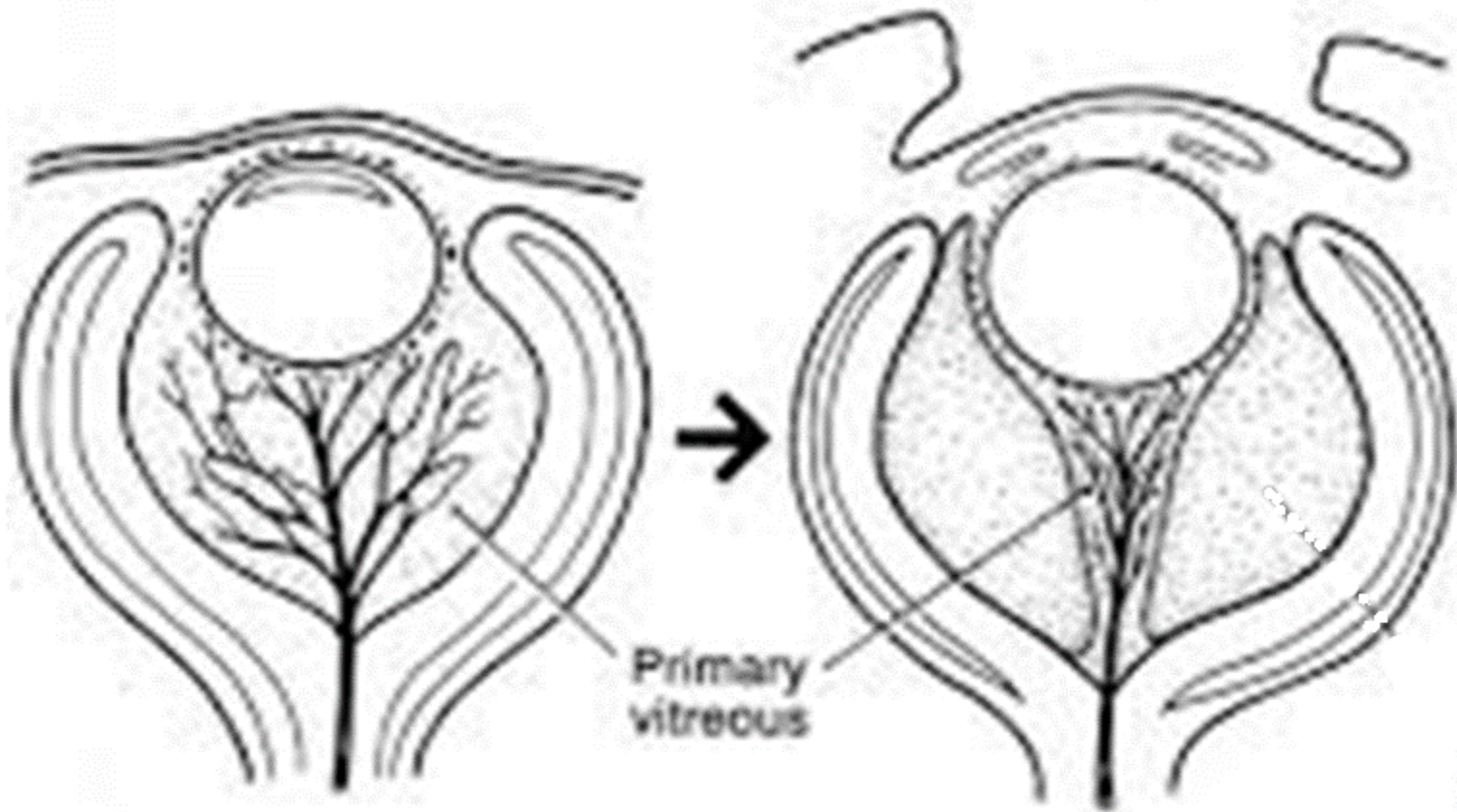
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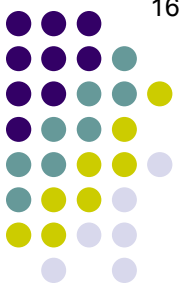
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Lens (Zonules) Embryology



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Now we
~~We will see why this weird name makes sense later in the slide set~~



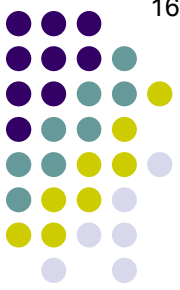
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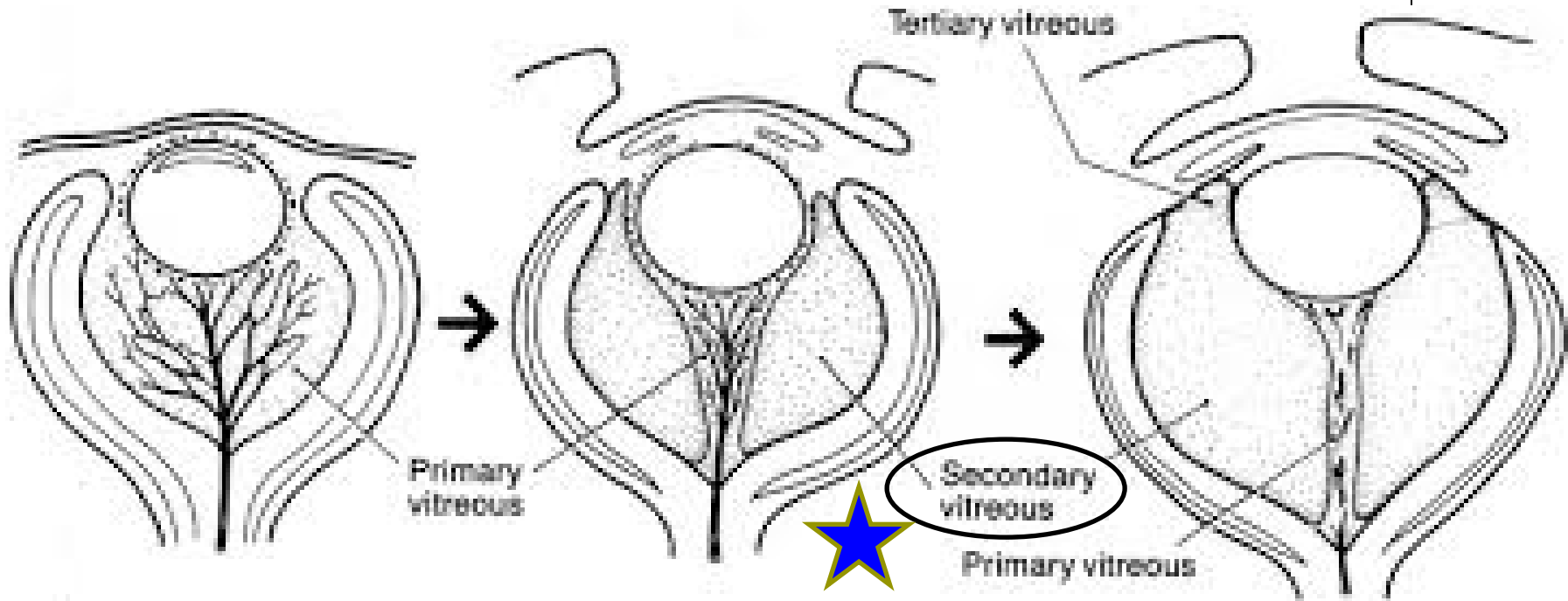


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Lens (Zonules) Embryology



(Tertiary vitreous will form the zonules)



Secondary vitreous