

Uveitis

**REDISCOVERY OF AN OLD PROBLEM – A SERIE OF OCULAR SYPHILIS
CASES**

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PURPOSE: To describe the ocular syphilis cases followed in our department, to a better understanding of this disease, its manifestations and clinic evolution.

METHODS: Retrospective study, observational, case series, of all patients with a diagnosis of ocular syphilis followed since 2020 in the eye inflammation consultation, at CHVNG/E. The collected data, namely clinical manifestations, severity of ocular involvement and complications, were analysed.

RESULTS: Since 2020, ten cases of syphilis with ocular involvement were followed at CHVNG/E. All were men and three cases had HIV co-infection. 50% of patients had bilateral ocular involvement. The most common clinical presentation was anterior uveitis, in 50% of cases, and there were three cases with papilla oedema. In seven patients, ocular involvement was the first manifestation of syphilis and eventually led to its diagnosis.

CONCLUSIONS: Syphilis diagnosis had increased in recent years in the Portuguese population. As the clinic of ocular syphilis can have a broad spectrum of presentation and severity, all clinicians involved must be able to recognize ocular involvement signs and symptoms, to promote early treatment.

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