

## Congenital Ptosis

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It is estimated that 25% of ptosis patients have their ptosis bilaterally. As in all cases of a congenital abnormality, ptosis cases should be evaluated for other congenital defects and a possible relationship to syndromes that include ptosis among their grouped abnormalities.

Where trachoma is endemic, a diagnosis of ptosis trachomatosa must be considered in the differential diagnosis. This patient does not have trachoma. Ptosis trachomatosa is most frequently bilateral.

The history was that of a congenital partial ptosis OS. Examination revealed that the extraocular muscles were intact. Congenital ptosis is usually unilateral (75% of cases). It is caused by a deficiency of the striated fibers in the levator muscle.



Congenital ptosis - bilateral

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Congenital ptosis - unilateral

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