



Before the Final Curtain: Unraveling “Tache Noire De La Sclerotique”

An 88-year-old woman with carcinomatosis and leukemoid reaction presented with a rare case of “taches noir de la sclerotique.” Recent studies have challenged the belief that this phenomenon is strictly postmortem and suggest an association with prolonged eye exposure. The distinctive triangular pattern appeared across the sclera hours before the patient’s demise (A, B), suggesting that blinking cessation due to terminal disease may have contributed to this manifestation, in line with recent research. Lubricating eye care was administered, but sadly, the patient passed away. This unconventional timeline emphasizes the need for increased clinical awareness and further exploration of the pathophysiology of “tache noir de la sclerotique.” (Magnified version of Figure A-B is available online at www.aaojournal.org).

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