An 81-year-old female patient presented with a foreign body sensation in the left eye for 1 month. On assessment, a long, threadlike, white worm crawling on the conjunctival surface was identified (Figure, A). In addition, the patient also had a pterygium and cataract. One half hour after the slitlamp examination, the worm was removed. The patient recalled that a fly had contact with her left eye 1 month ago. She was given an initial dose of albendazole tablets, 200 mg, and then twice a day for 7 days.

The patient underwent pterygium surgery 1 month later, and no worms were detected at that time. Two months after that, during cataract surgery, a nematode was noted in the surgical field (Figure, B) and removed. Fortunately, visual acuity in the left eye improved from 20/200 to 20/20. No nematodes have been subsequently detected for over 30 months.