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Pediatric retinal vascular diseases are a group of conditions that affect the blood vessels in the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. These diseases can cause a variety of symptoms, including vision problems, pain, and redness. In some cases, they can lead to blindness.

The most common pediatric retinal vascular disease is retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). ROP is a condition that affects premature babies who are born before their blood vessels have fully developed. ROP can cause the blood vessels in the retina to grow abnormally, which can lead to vision problems. Other pediatric retinal vascular diseases include Coats' disease, familial exudative vitreoretinopathy (FEVR), and sickle cell retinopathy.

Treatment for pediatric retinal vascular diseases typically involves angiography, a procedure that uses dye to visualize the blood vessels in the retina, and vitrectomy, a surgical procedure that removes the vitreous,

the gel-like substance that fills the eye. Angiography can help to identify the location and severity of the disease, while vitrectomy can be used to remove abnormal blood vessels and restore vision.

## **Angiography**

Angiography is a procedure that uses dye to visualize the blood vessels in the retina. The dye is injected into a vein in the arm, and it then travels through the bloodstream to the eye. Once the dye reaches the eye, it binds to the blood vessels in the retina, making them visible under a microscope.

Angiography can be used to diagnose and monitor a variety of retinal vascular diseases, including ROP, Coats' disease, and FEVR. It can also be used to evaluate the success of treatment.

## **Vitrectomy**

Vitrectomy is a surgical procedure that removes the vitreous, the gel-like substance that fills the eye. The vitreous is removed through a small incision in the eye. Once the vitreous has been removed, the surgeon can access the retina and perform the necessary repairs.

Vitrectomy is typically used to treat retinal vascular diseases that are causing vision problems. It can also be used to remove blood from the eye after a hemorrhage.

## **Outlook**

The outlook for pediatric retinal vascular diseases depends on the severity of the disease and the timeliness of treatment. Early diagnosis and treatment can help to improve the chances of a good outcome. However, even with treatment, some children may experience permanent vision loss.

## Prevention

There is no known way to prevent pediatric retinal vascular diseases. However, early diagnosis and treatment can help to improve the chances of a good outcome.

Pediatric retinal vascular diseases are a serious group of conditions that can lead to vision problems and blindness. Early diagnosis and treatment can help to improve the chances of a good outcome. Angiography and vitrectomy are two important procedures that are used to diagnose and treat these diseases.

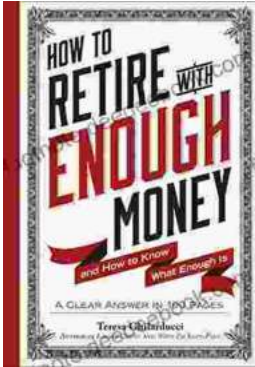


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