

Chronic disease (Crone)

Asymptomatic

Thumbs-up

Chronic disease develops over time and is usually asymptomatic. Patients complain of progressive peripheral vision loss and on exam will have increased intraocular pressure and possible optic nerve damage.

Acute Disease

Eye pain and blindness

Eye with Pain-bolt and Blinds-over-eye

Acute cases of closed-angle glaucoma are usually from primary lens obstruction of pupillary flow. It is described as sudden, severe eye pain, along with blindness.

Rock-hard eye

Rock Eye

Upon inspection, patients will have a "rock hard" eye, due to increased intraocular pressure.

Headache

Head-egg lump

Another associated symptom that patients complain of is frontal headache.

Emergency

Emergency-lights

Acute situations of closed-angle glaucoma are a true ophthalmologic emergency and need immediate care.

Epinephrine contraindicated

Epi-pen with Caution-tape

Due to its mydriatic effects, epinephrine is contraindicated and can severely worsen symptoms.