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When the Trauma Draws a Rose: Rosette Cataract

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A 40-year-old male patient referred to the ophthalmologic emergency room for complaints of diminution of vision in the left eye since three months after a trauma. Examination of the left eye showed a corrected visual acuity of 20/70. Slit-lamp examination revealed a rosette cataract (Figure 1). The patient underwent phacoemulsification with implantation of an IOL in the bag. The rosette cataract is a posterior subcapsular cataract due to a violent contusion with a closed globe. It can develop in the hours that follow, or on the contrary several years later.

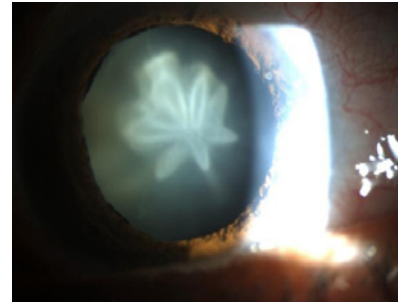


Figure 1: Slit lamp view of the left eye's rosette cataract.