

## The normal and the glaucomatous optic nerve

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**G**laucoma is a progressive atrophy of the optic nerve head, which leads to irreversible visual loss.

Raised intraocular pressure is not the only factor leading to the diagnosis of glaucoma.

Every ophthalmologist learns to recognise the normal from the abnormal optic nerve and determine if it is really glaucomatous. The different faces of the optic nerve: its shape, size and other morphological features which though normal, may appear to be confusing.

Understanding glaucomatous optic atrophy is essential in the diagnosis and optimal management of this condition.

Here, I present the various features of the normal and the glaucomatous optic nerve, hoping to bring clarity in the assessment and evaluation of this very important structure [Figure 1].

### Biography

Aditi Kochar is a skilled cataract and glaucoma surgeon dedicated to ensuring the best outcome for her patients. She is a keen observer and learner, diagnosing and implementing accurate and sight saving treatment for her patients. She is involved in the teaching and training of postgraduate resident doctors and fellows in her institute. Humble, straightforward and down to earth, she believes that sincerity, dedication and hard work and the key aspects to success.

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