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Graves' Ophthalmopathy in Childhood

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Abstract

Objective: to analyze three cases of Graves' ophthalmopathy in children, their treatment and evolution.

Methods: we studied three children who attended the Ophthalmology Department at Hospital São Paulo, with thyroid ophthalmopathy.

Results: two children had clinically treated hyperthyroidism and signs of mild ophthalmopathy. The other child had primary hypothyroidism with severe ophthalmopathy and visual acuity loss. This child was treated with corticosteroids and had an improvement of her vision. The others were observed.

Conclusion: although it has low incidence in childhood, early and proper treatment prevents impairment of visual function.