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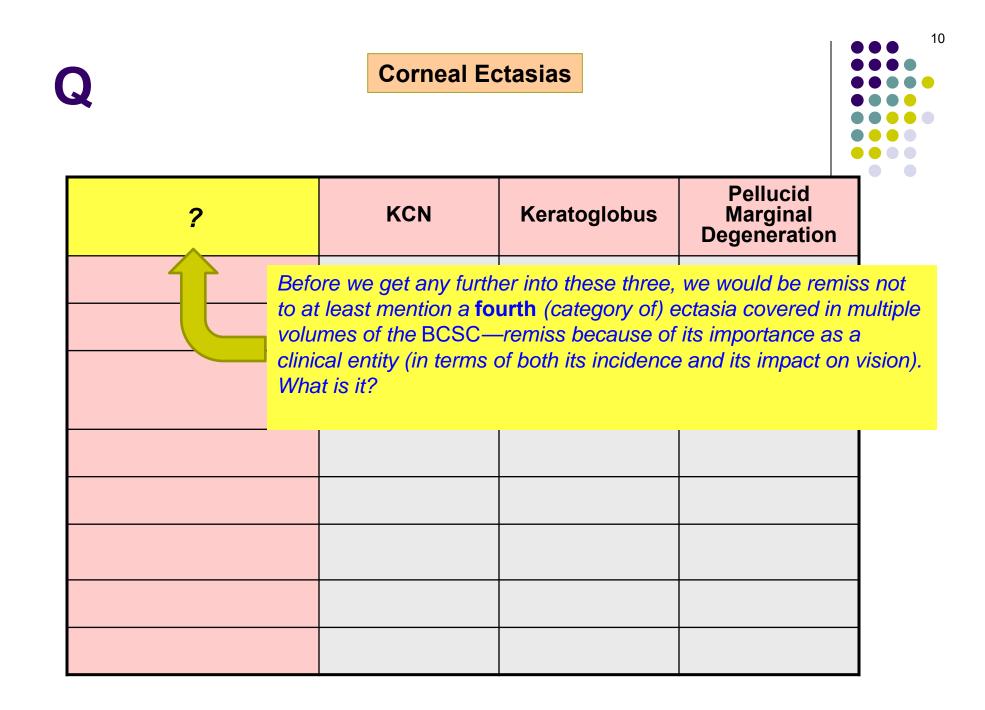
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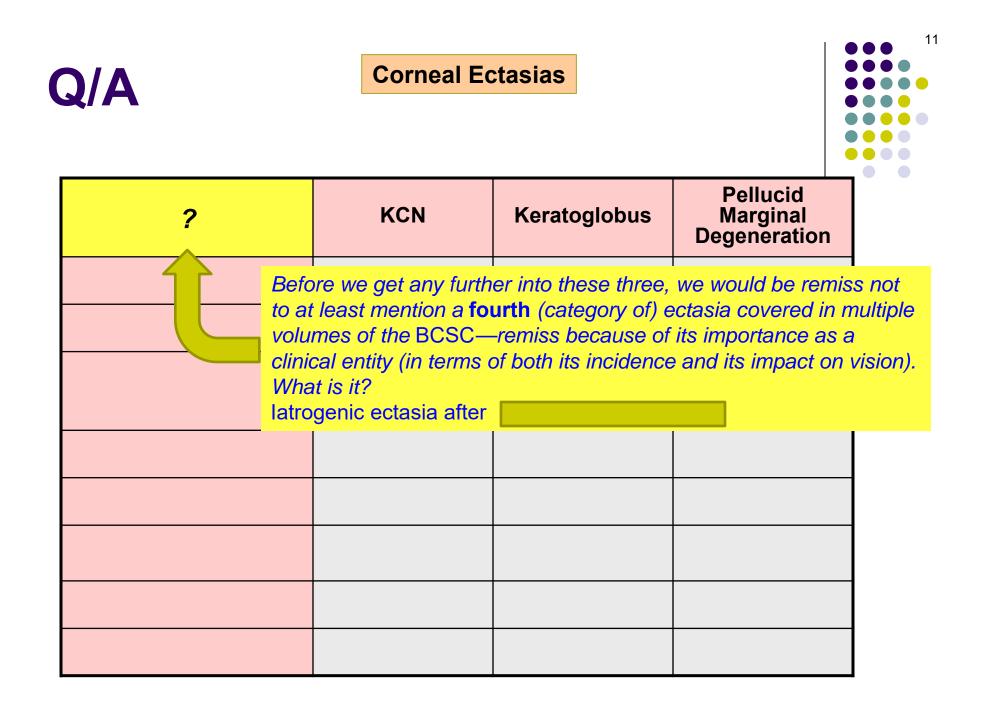
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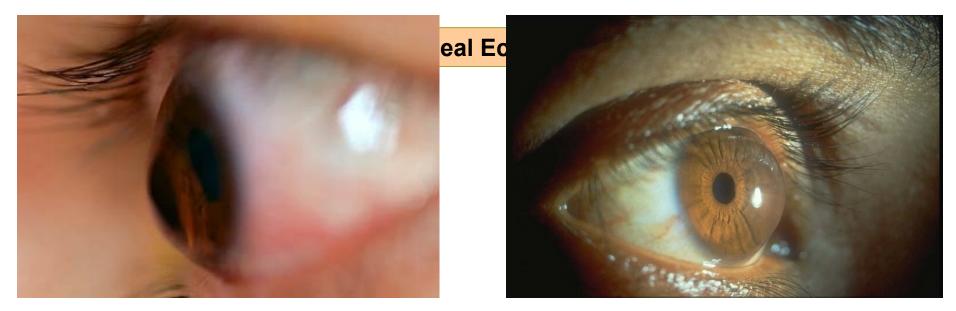


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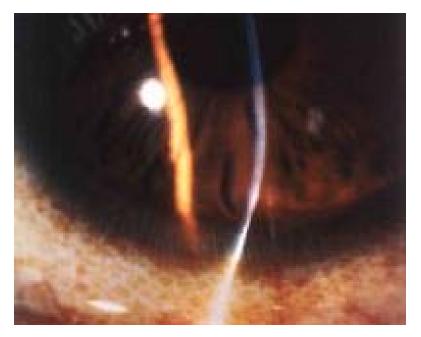


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KCN: Protrudes at thinned area

Keratoglobus: Protrudes globally



Pellucid: Protrudes above thinned area

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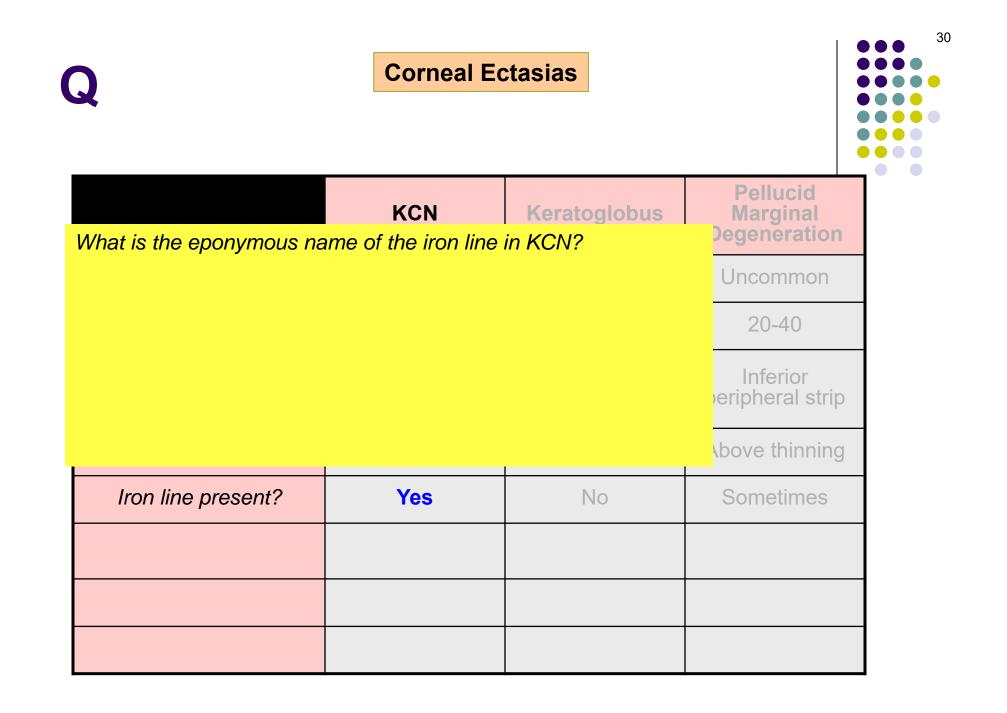
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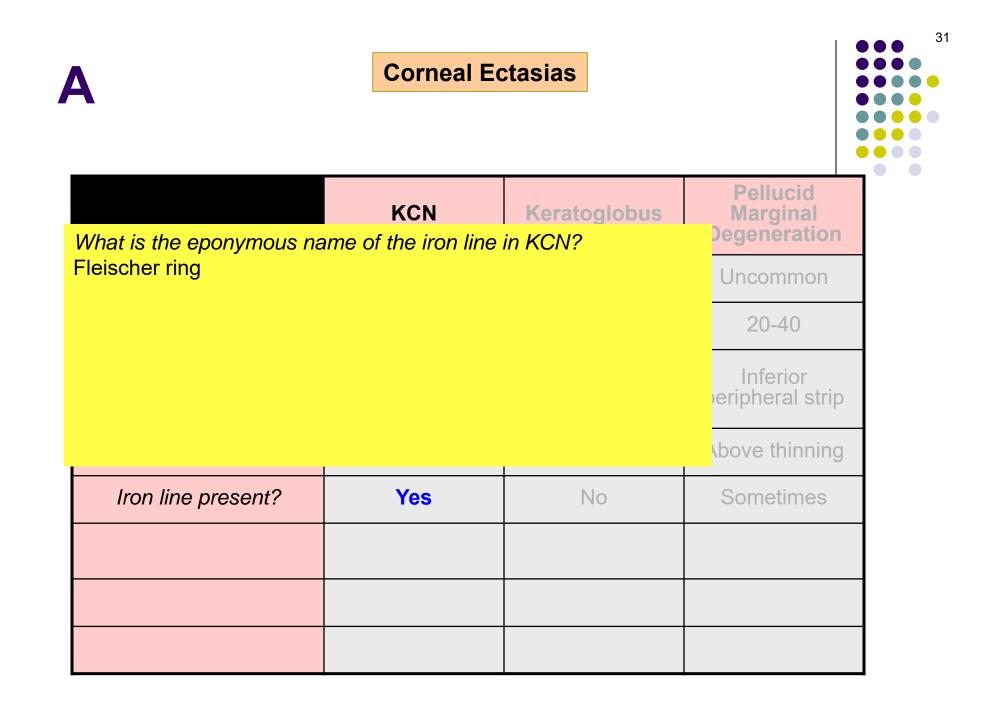


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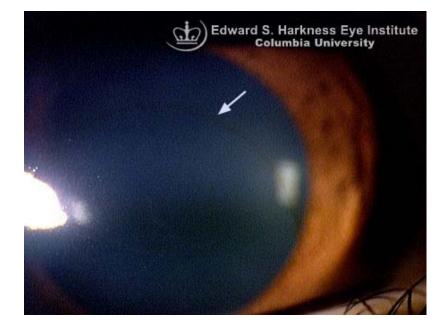




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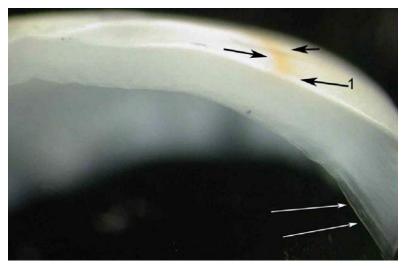




KCN: Fleischer ring

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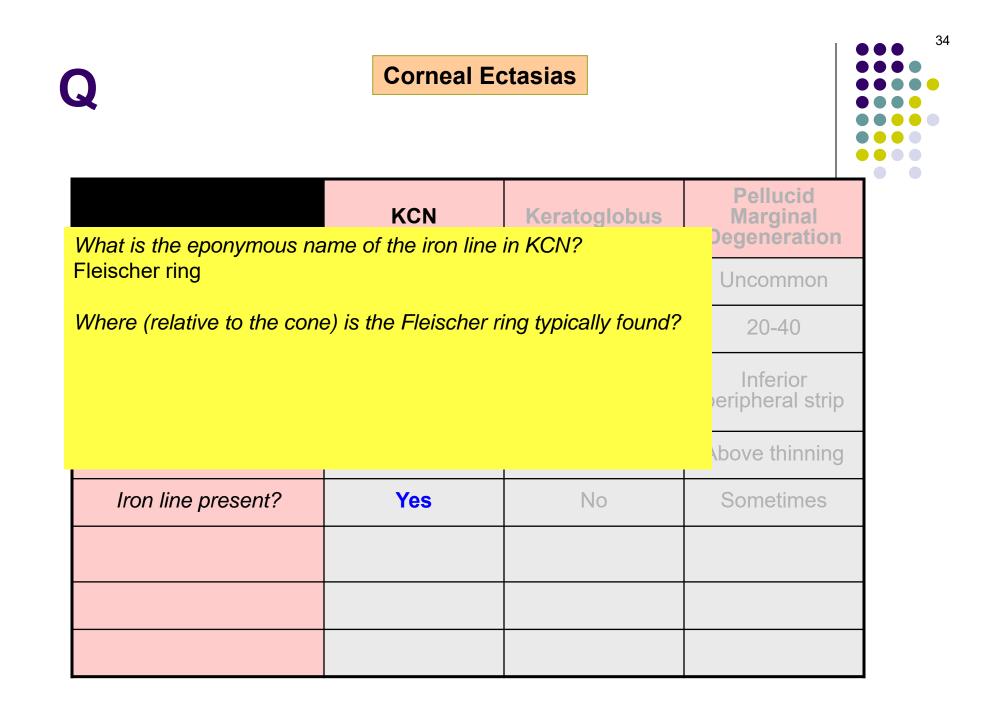


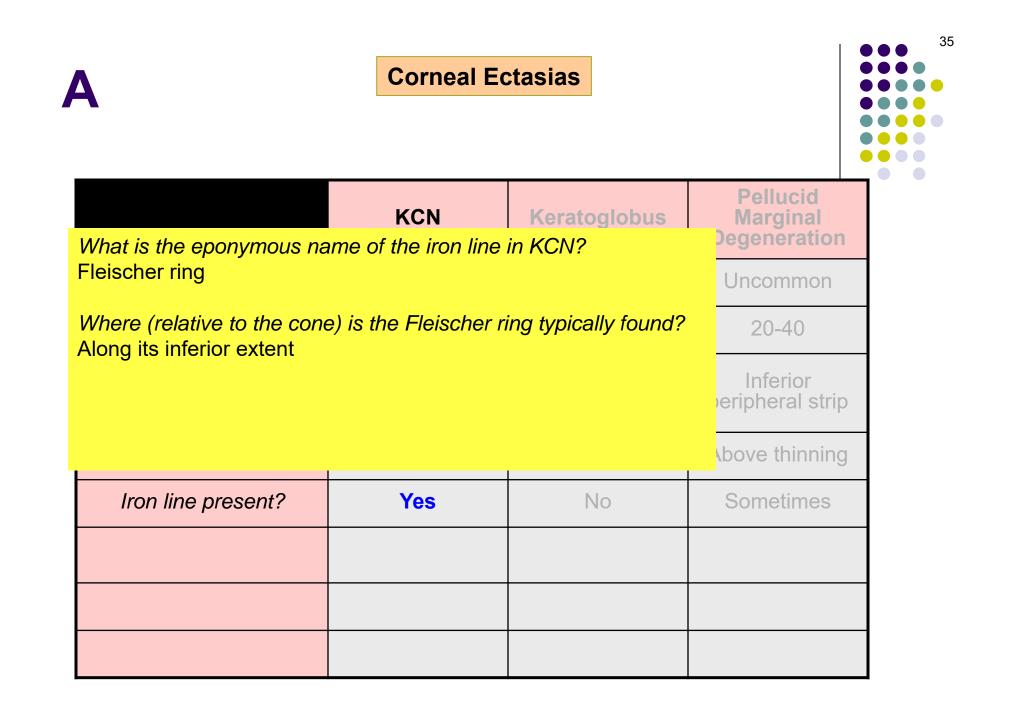
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Image shows iron (blue staining at 1) in the basal layer of the epithelium, which transitions to involve the entire epithelium in long standing and severe cases (2).

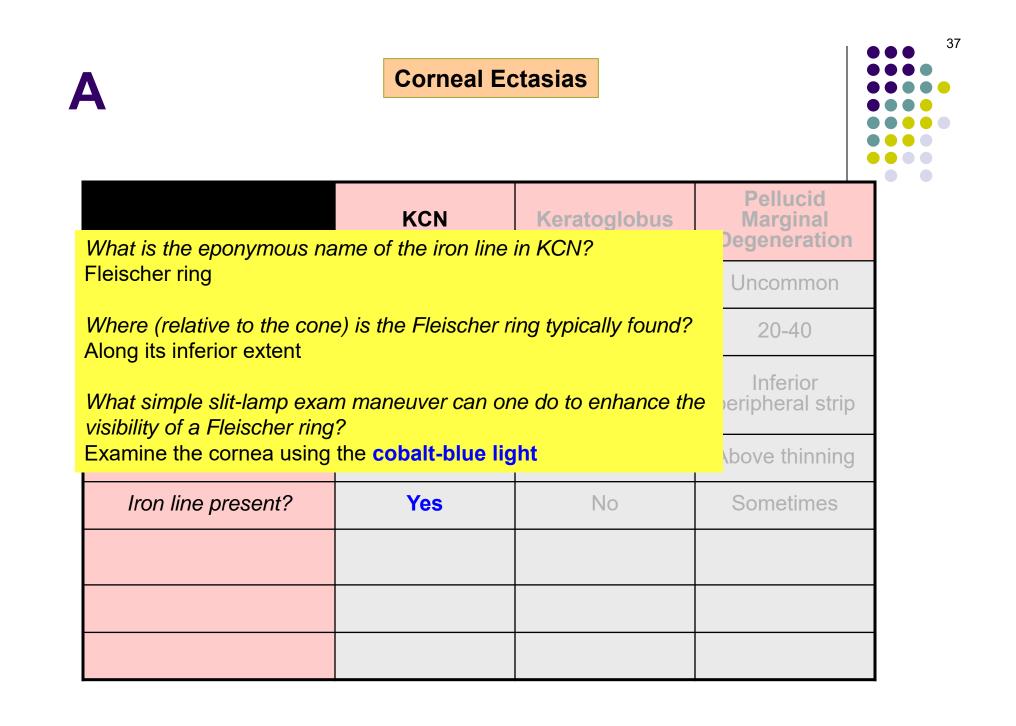
Gross photo. The brown pigment is oxidized iron within the epithelium, constituting the Fleischer ring. (The white arrows show Descemet's membrane.)

KCN: Fleischer ring





2	Corneal Ed	ctasias		
What is the eponymous na	KCN ame of the iron line	Keratoglobus	Pellucid Marginal Degeneration	
Fleischer ring			Uncommon	
Where (relative to the cone Along its inferior extent	e) is the Fleischer r	ing typically found?	20-40	
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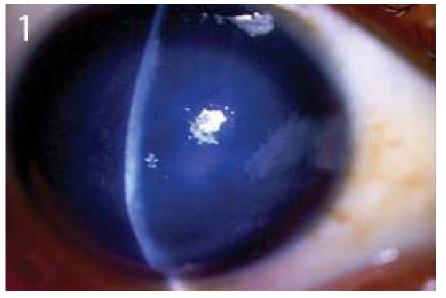
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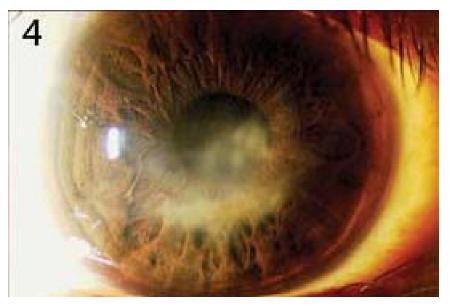


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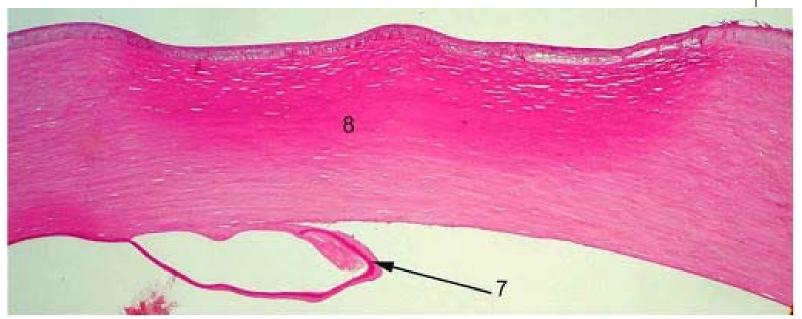
3 days after break



Scarring, same eye, 2 months+ later

KCN: Acute hydrops





Corneal hydrops. Descemet's membrane is disrupted and folded back to rejoin the cornea in the wrong orientation (7). There is marked stromal scarring (8).

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Spontane   What is Munson sign?     Displacement of the central lower lid by the protruding cornea     Steepe   when the eye is in downgaze					
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Munson's sign in KCN

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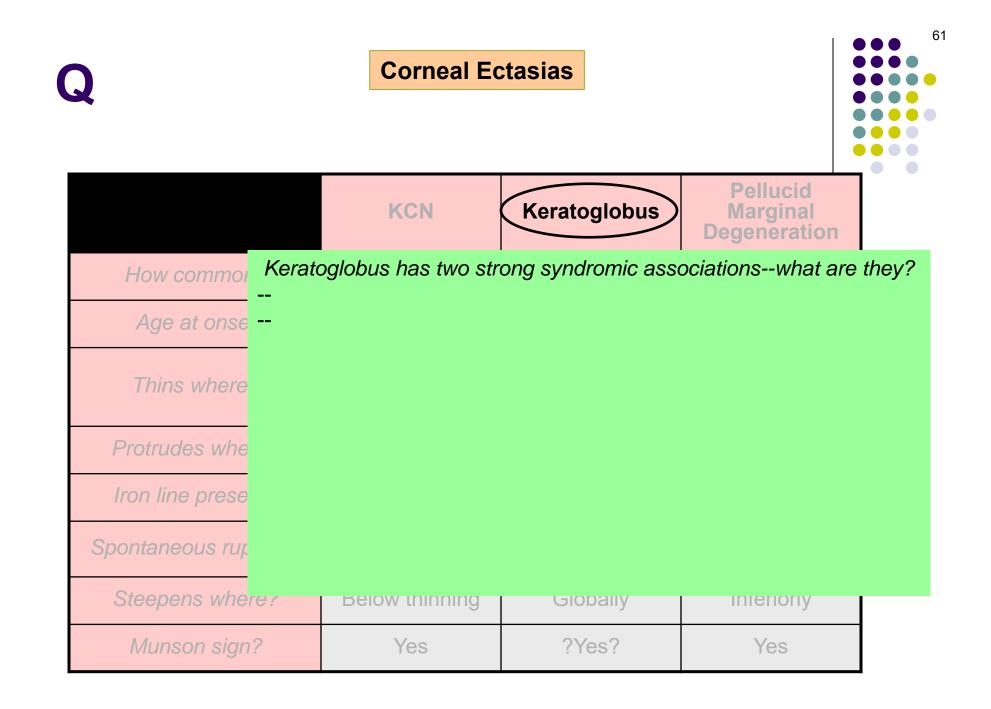
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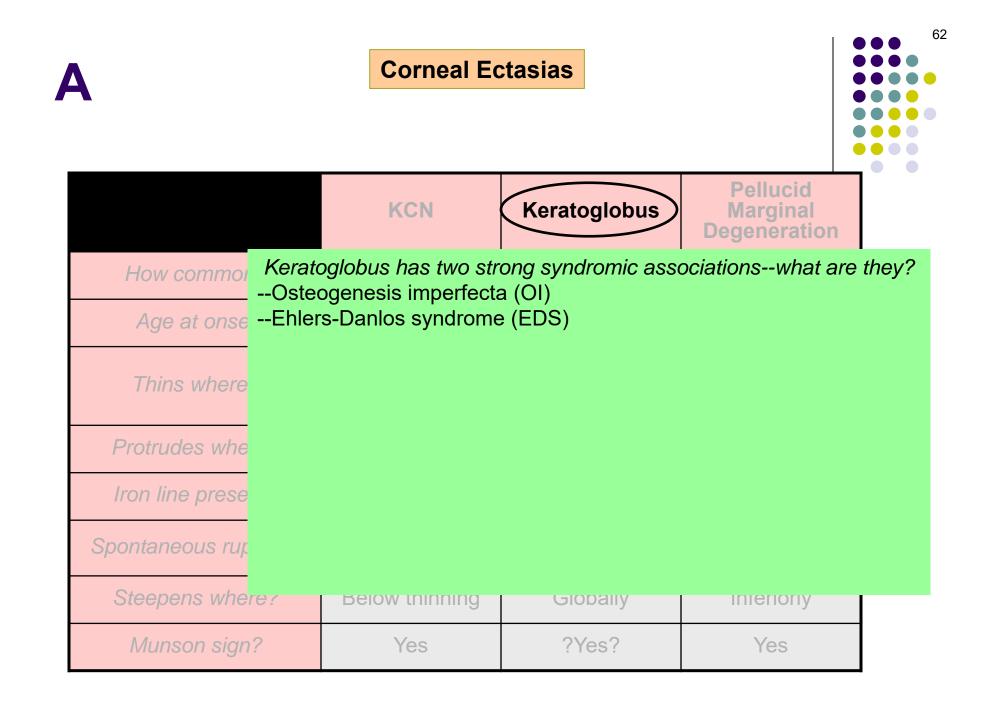


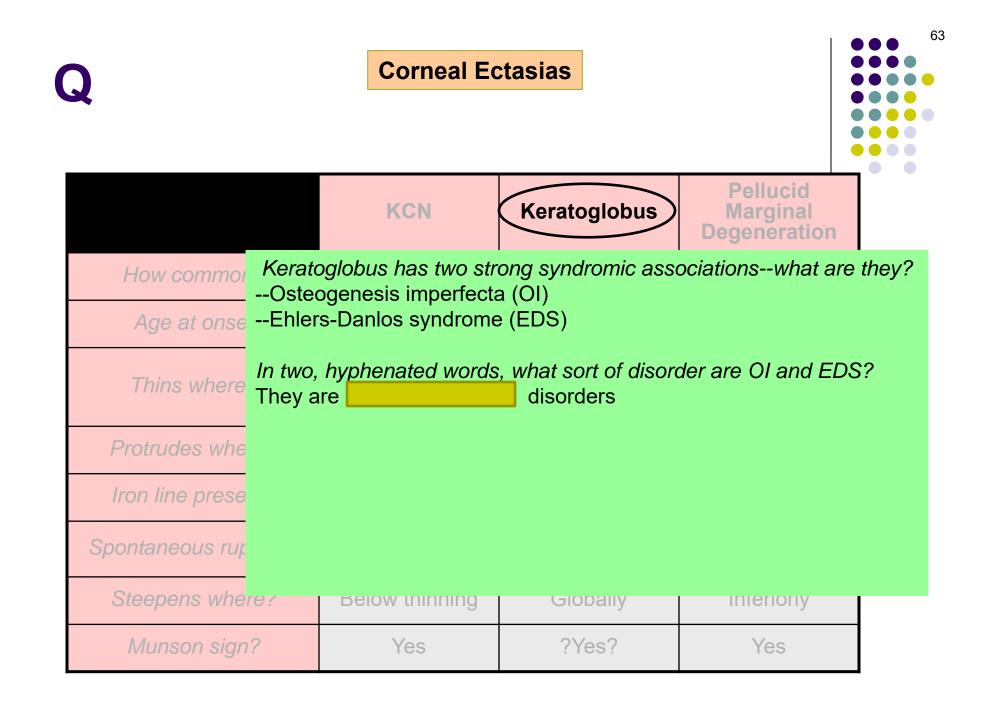


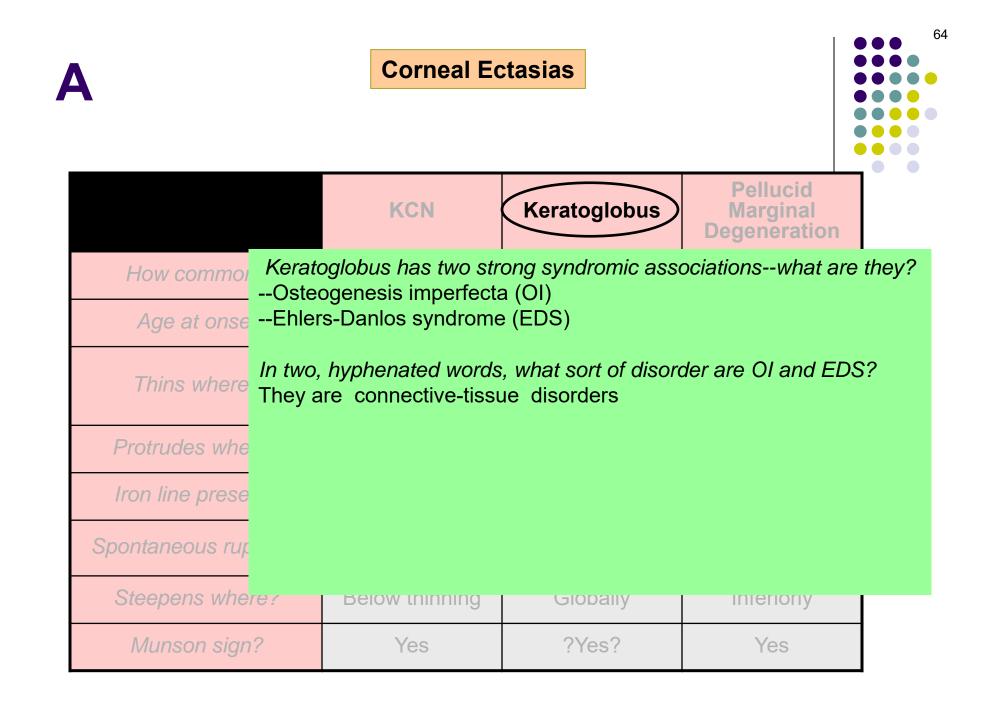
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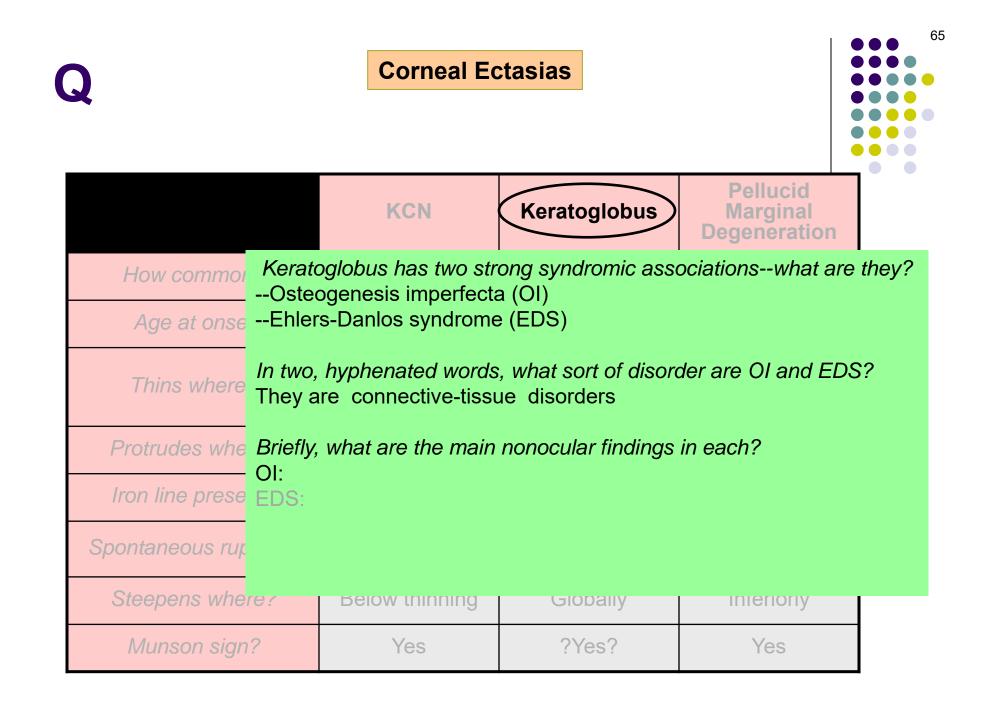
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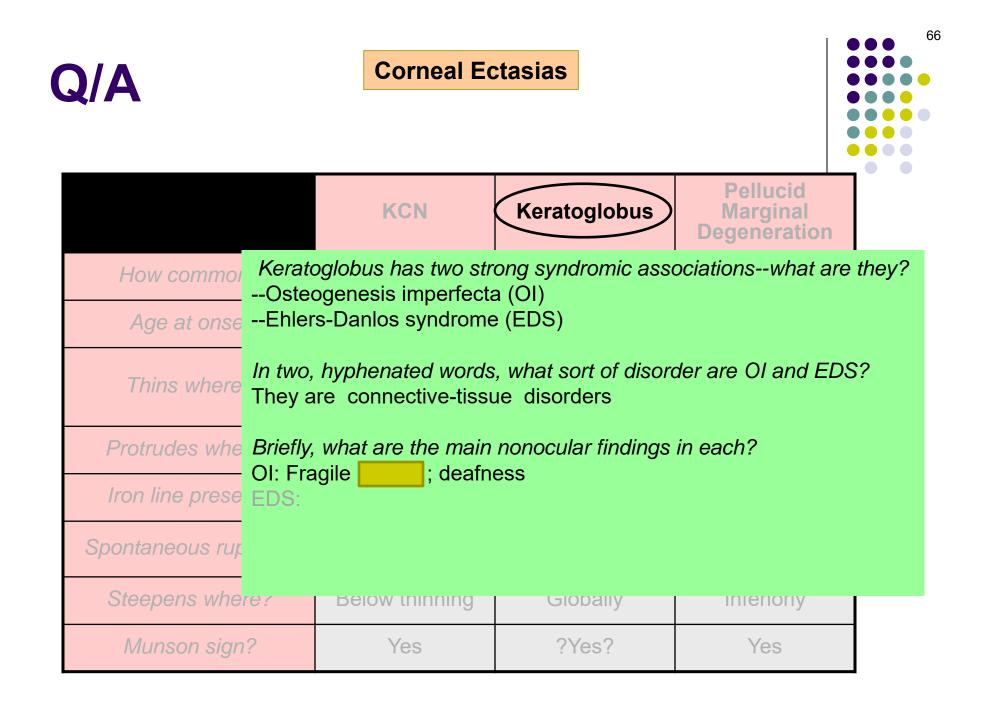


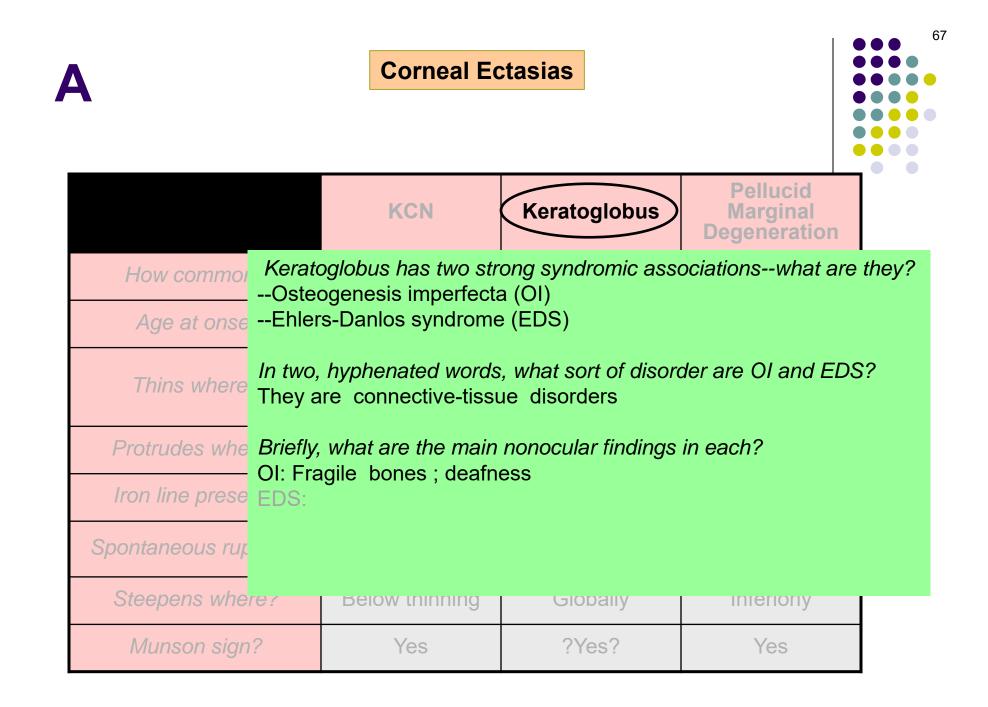


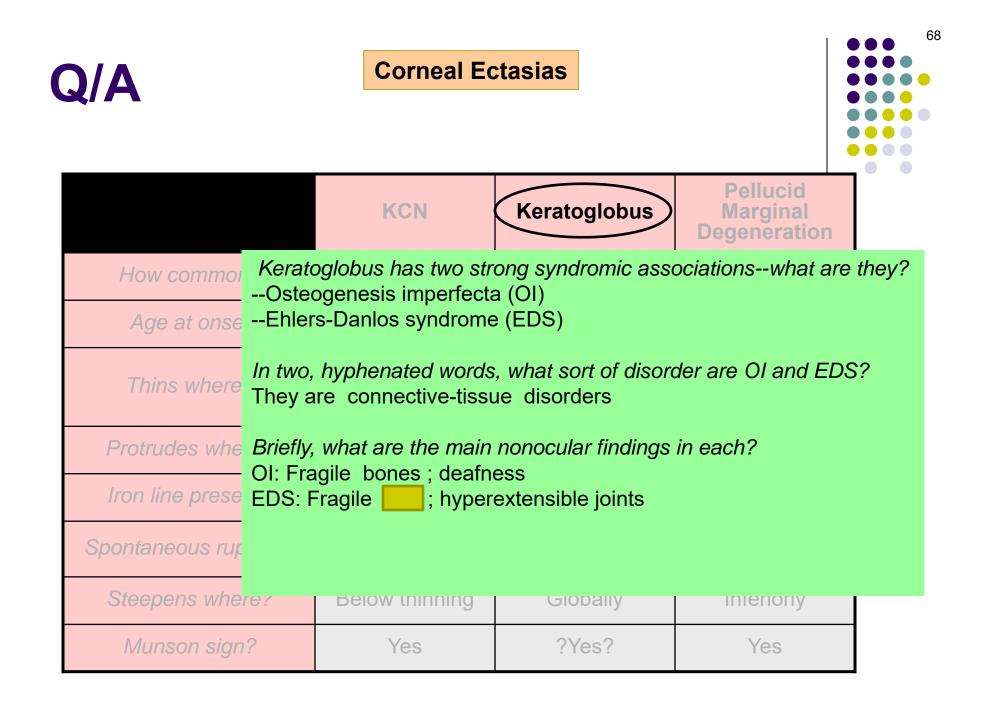


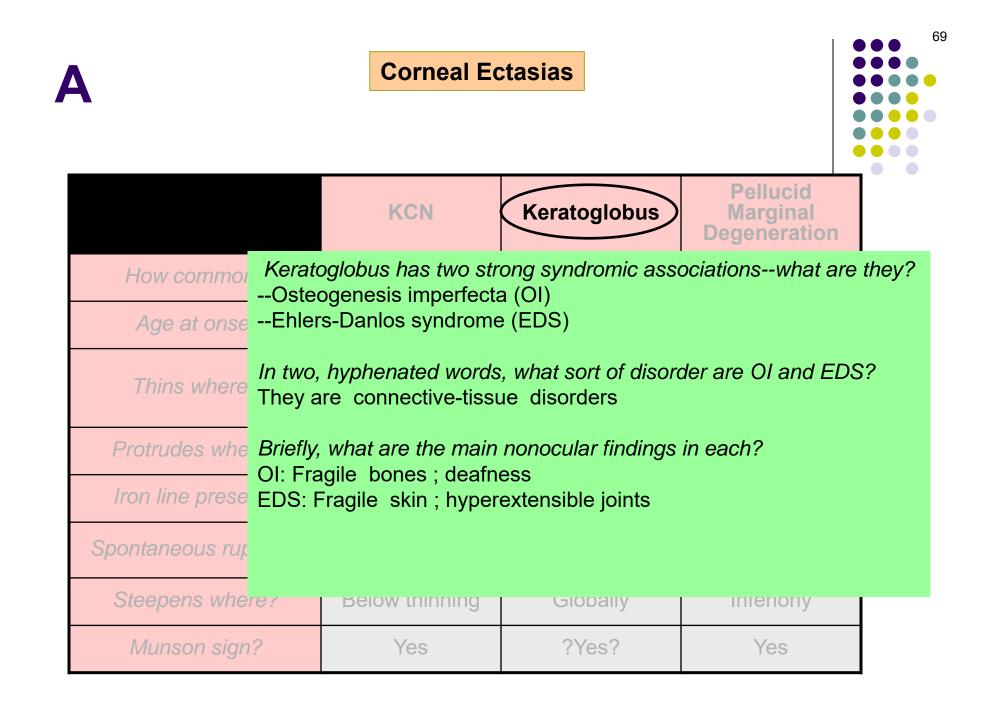


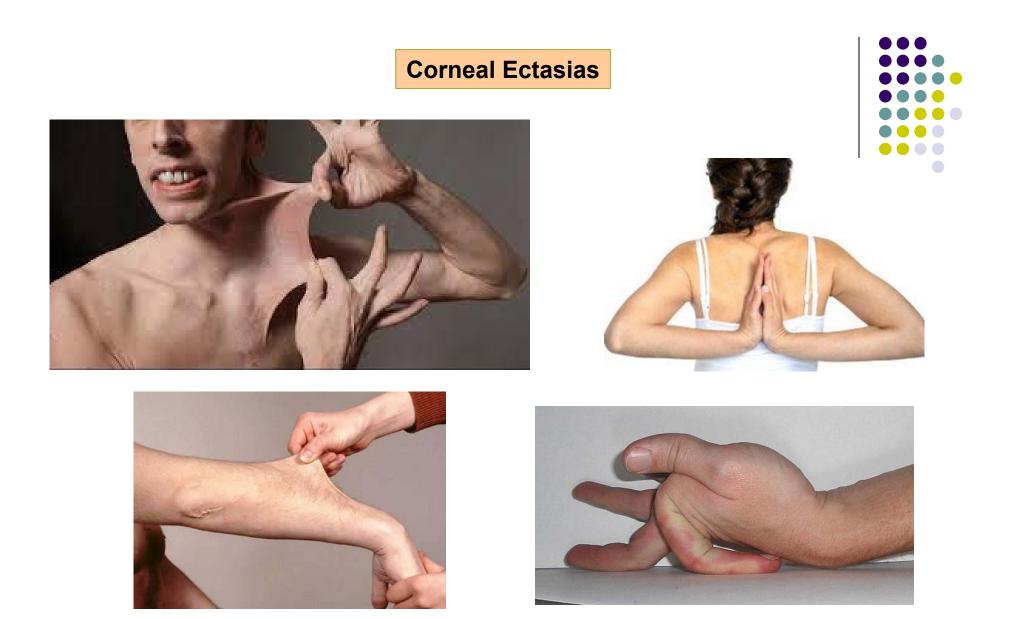




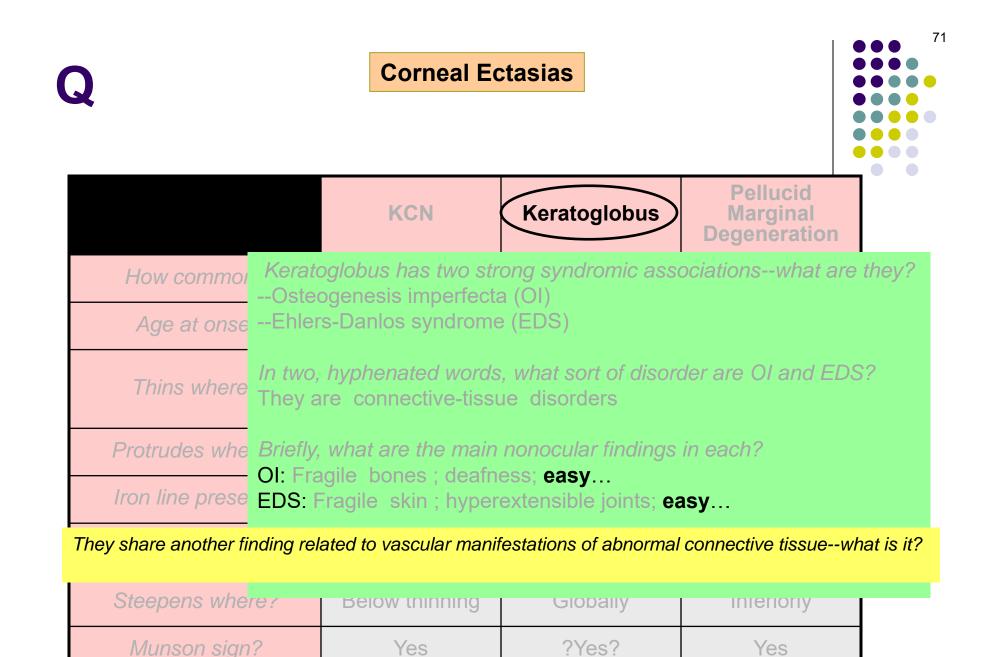


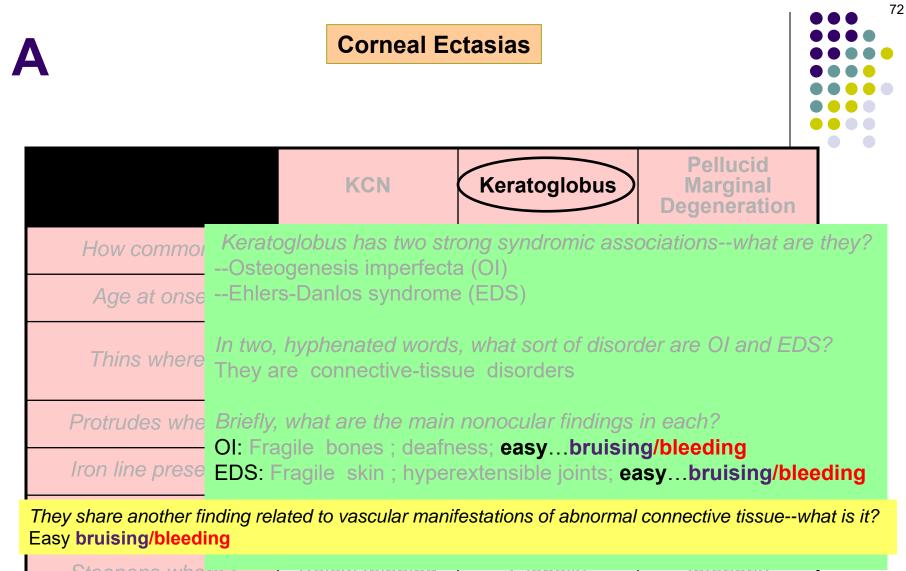




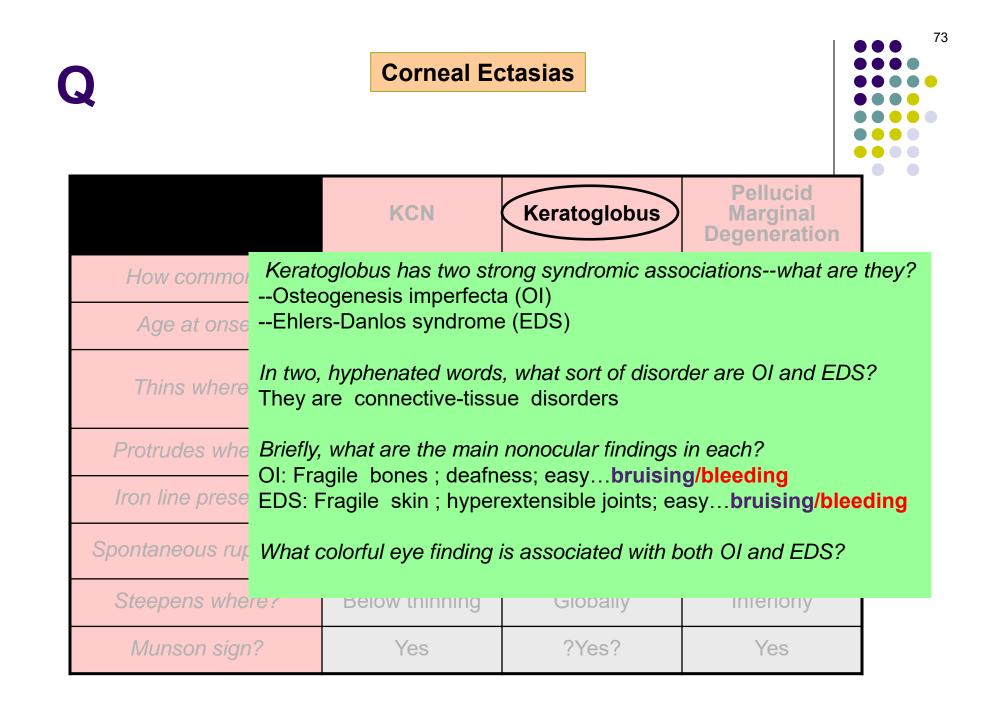


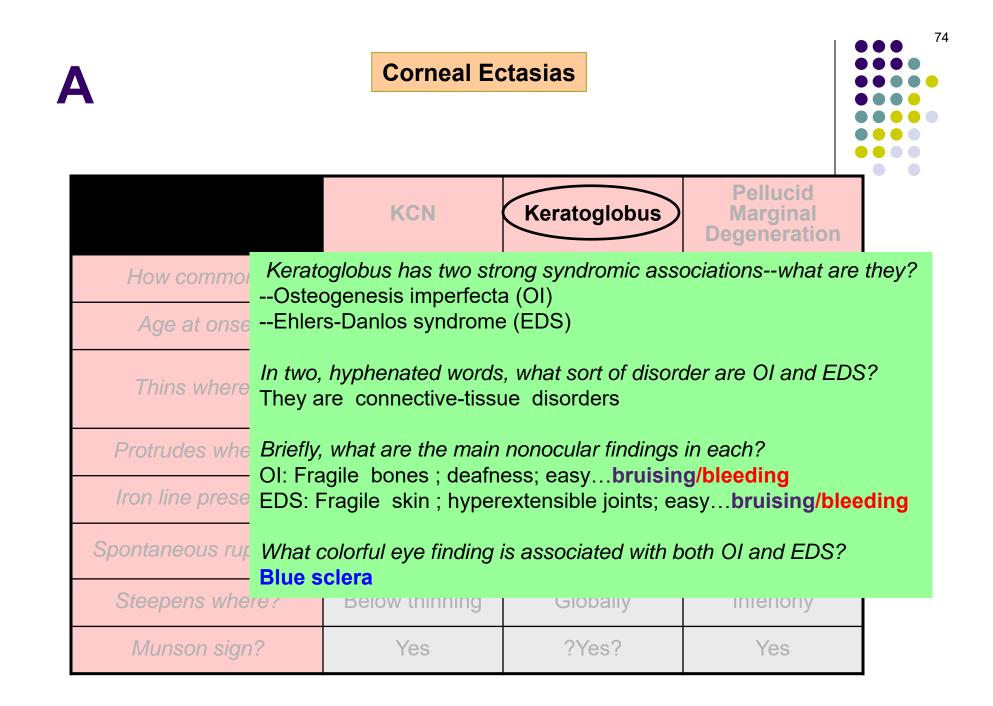
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome





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Munson sign?	Yes	?Yes?	Yes



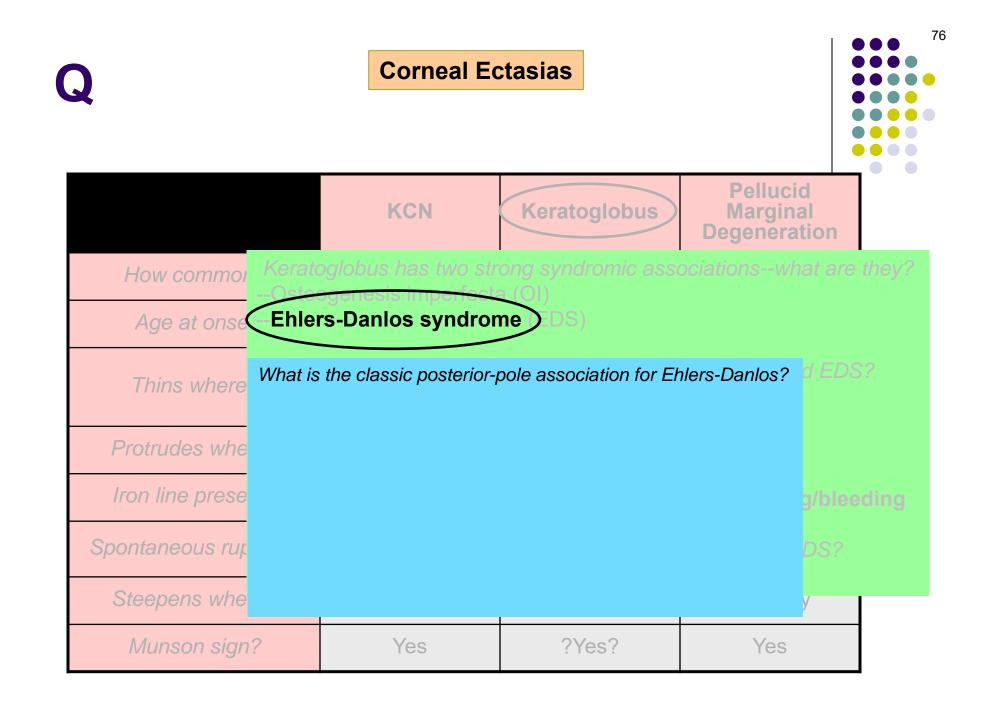


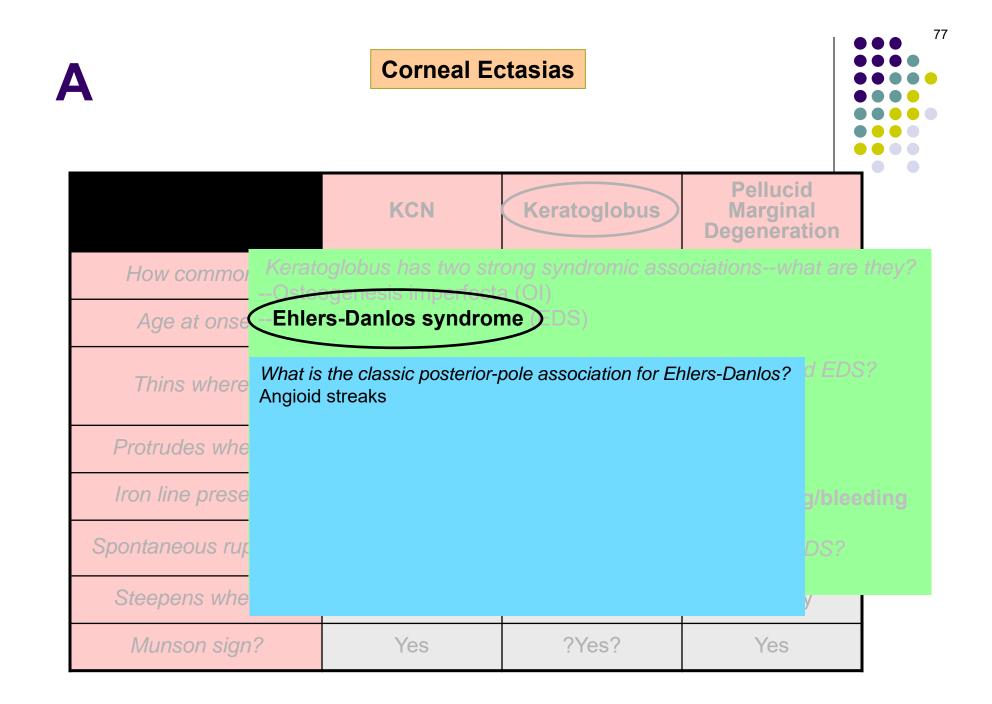


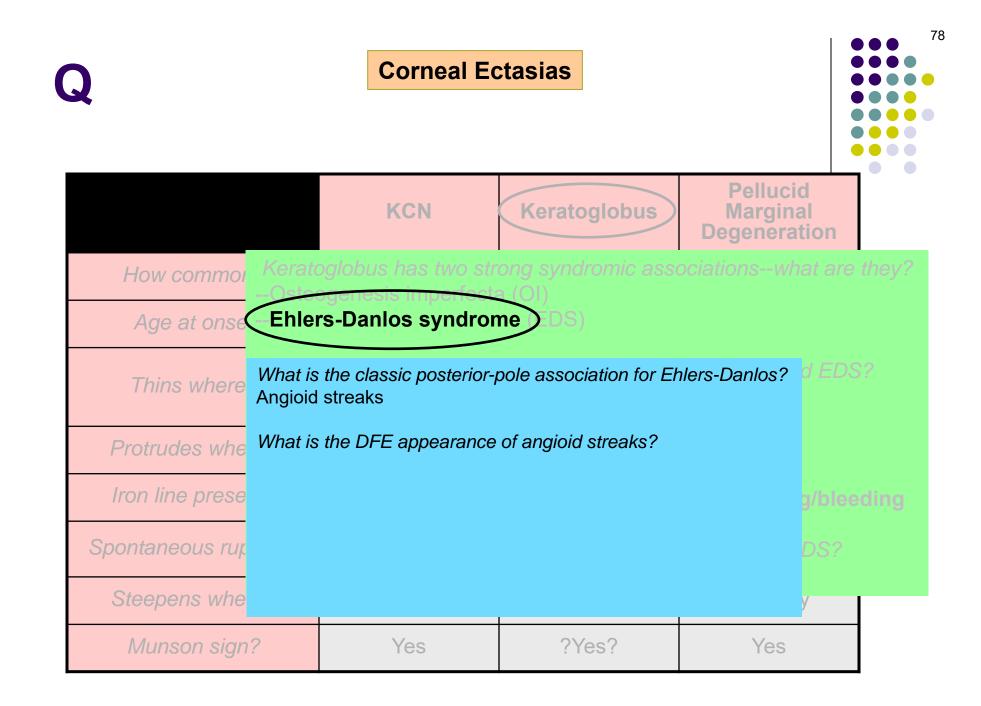


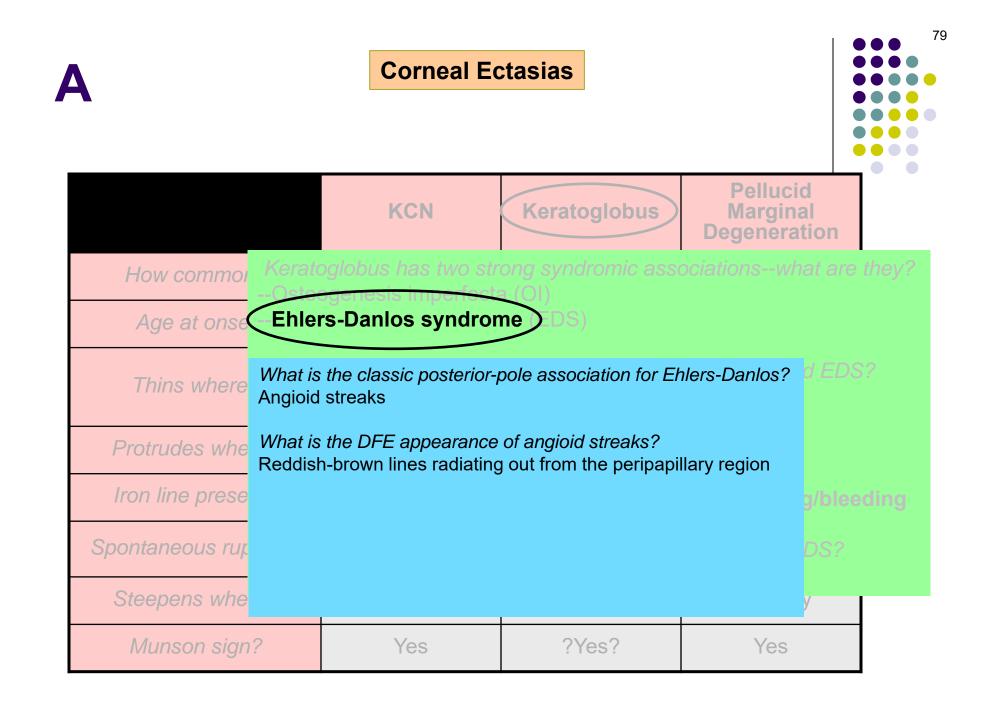
Blue sclera in OI

Blue sclera in Ehlers-Danlos

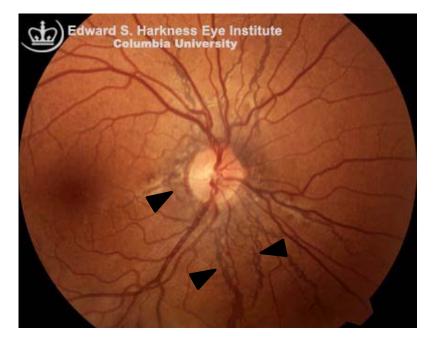




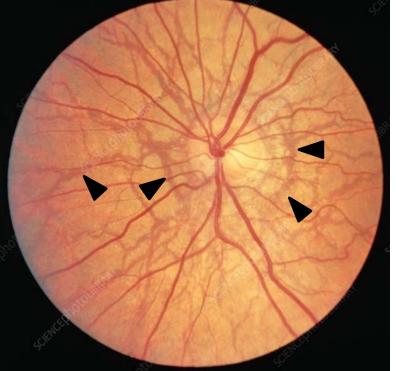




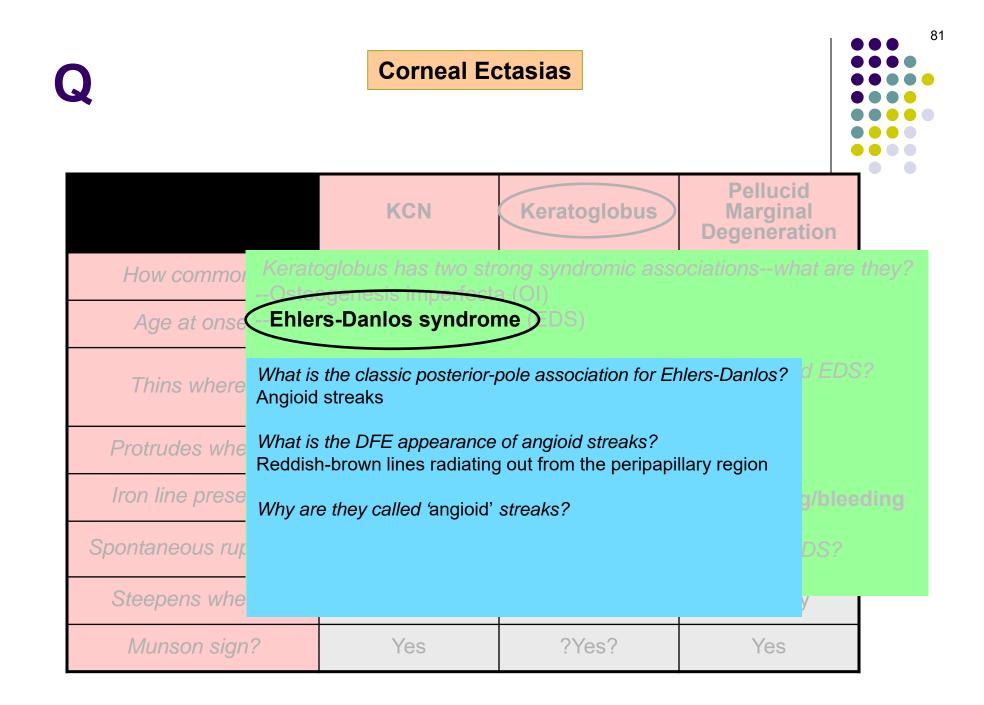


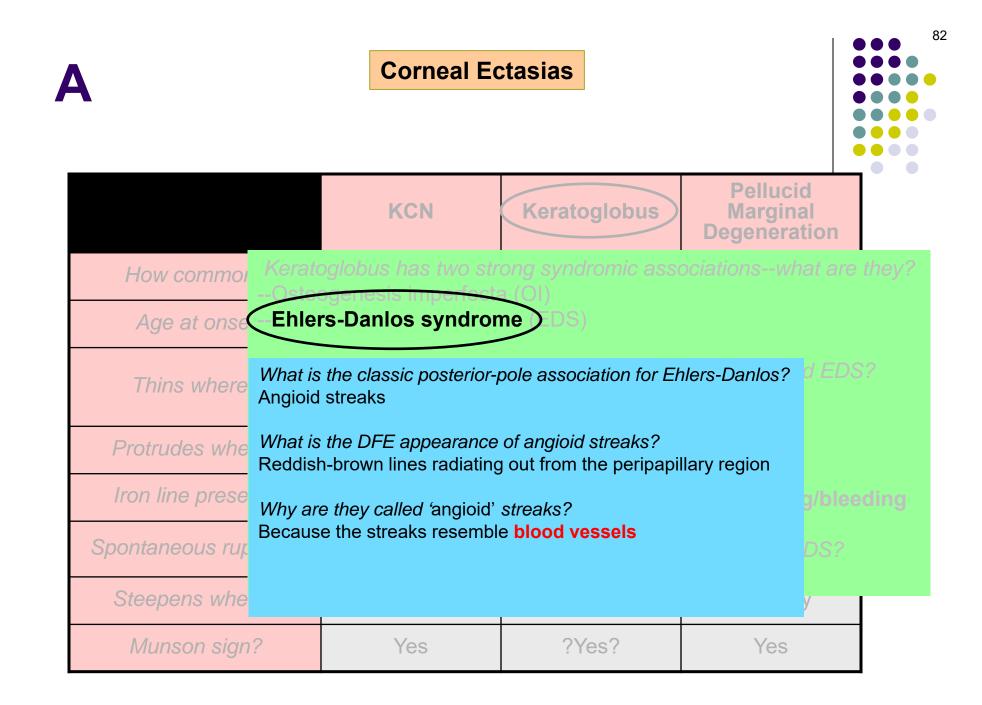


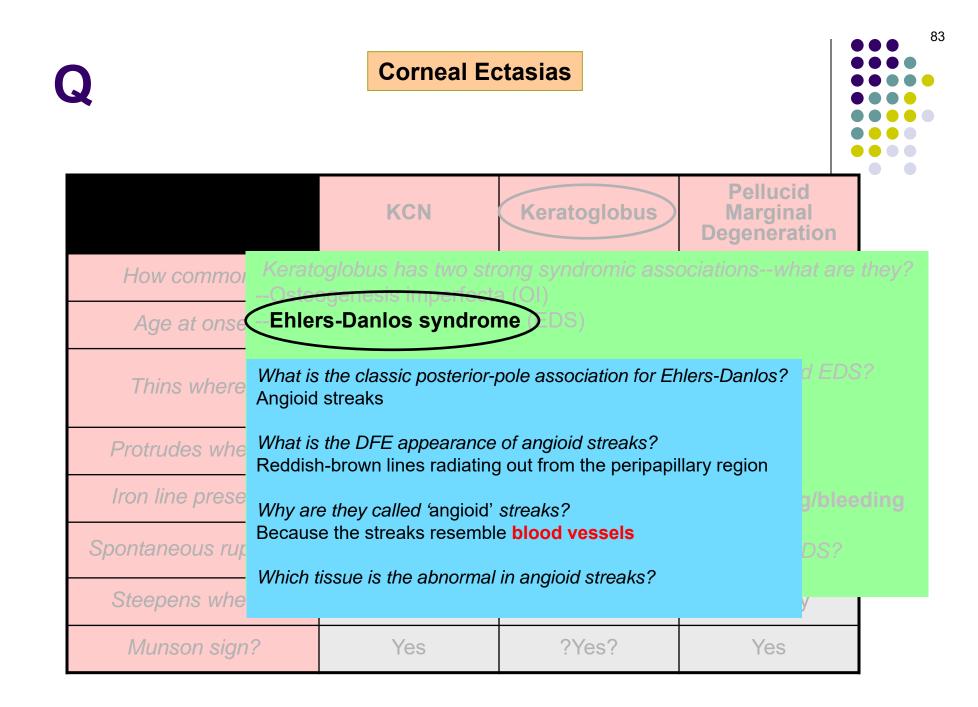


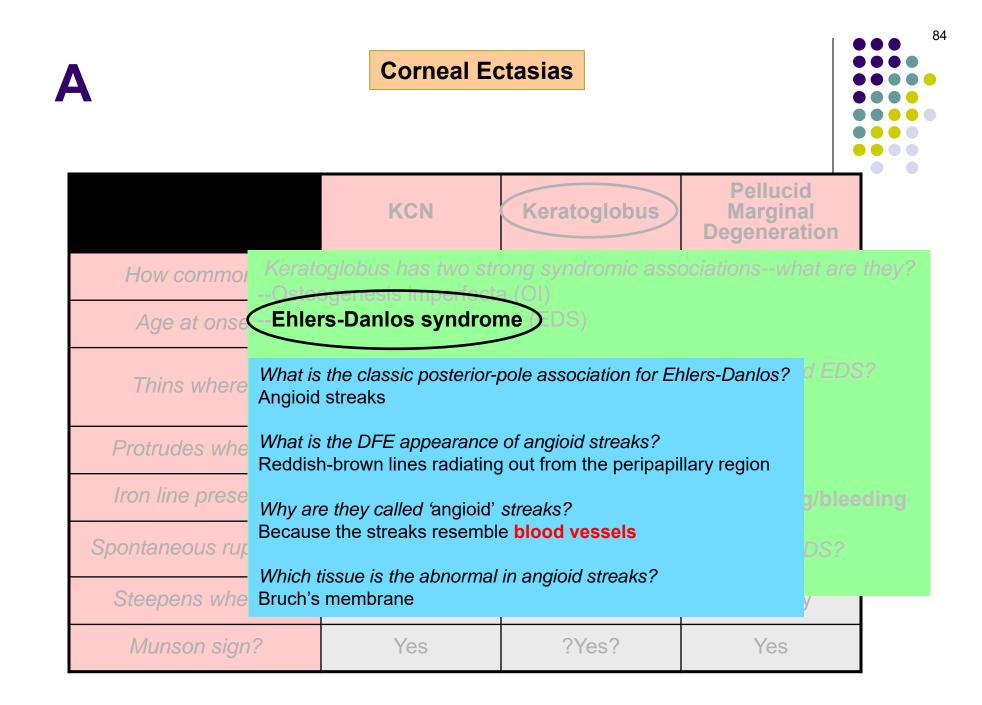


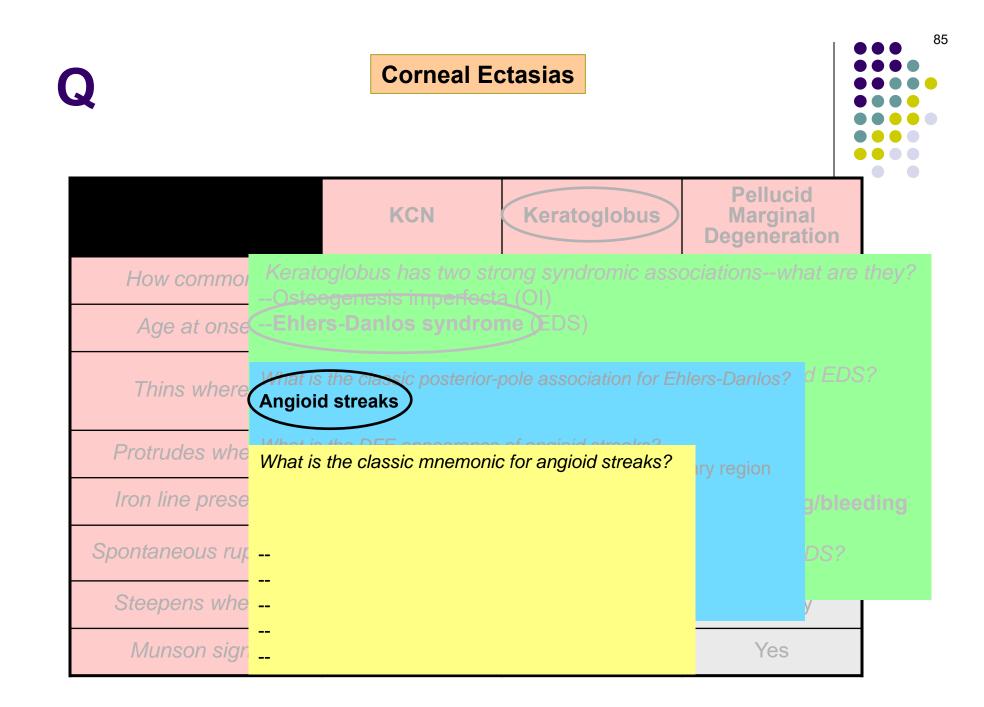
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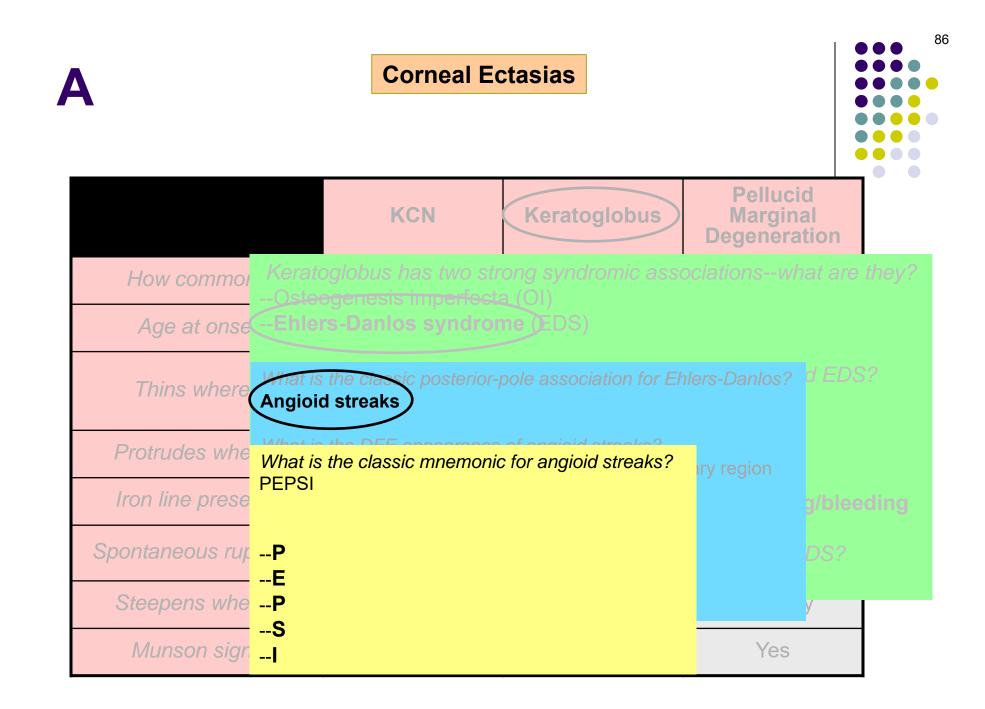


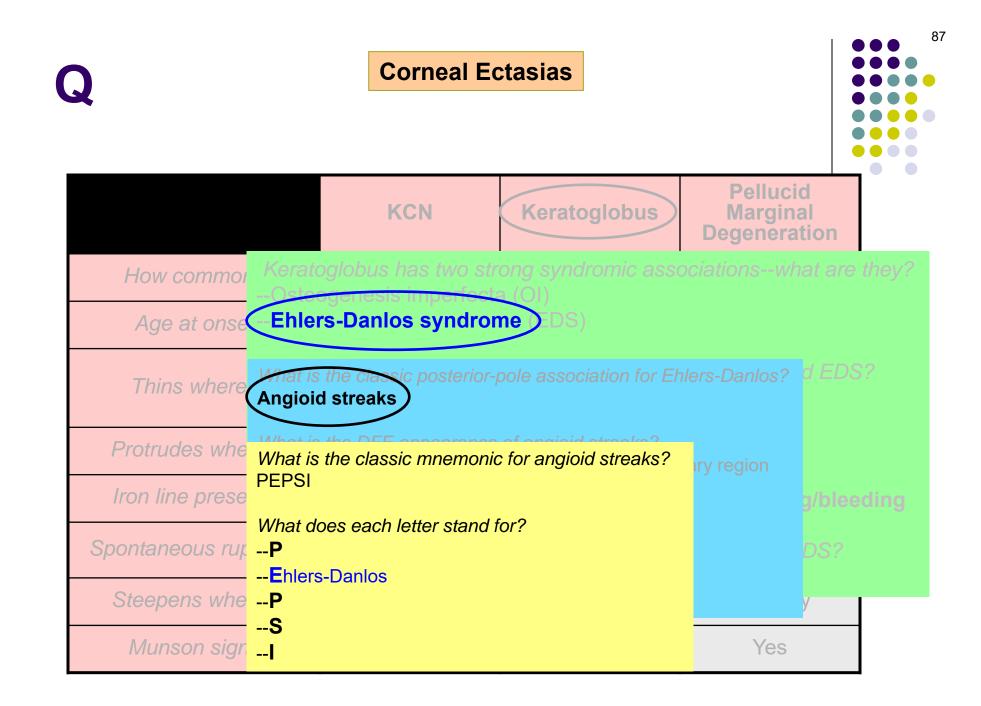


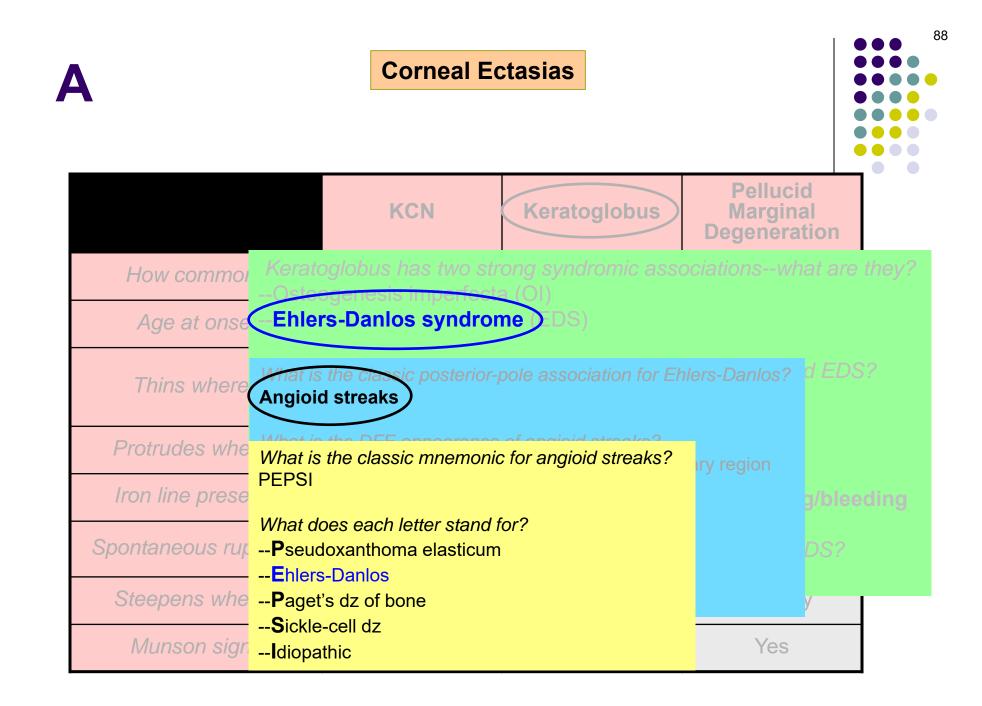


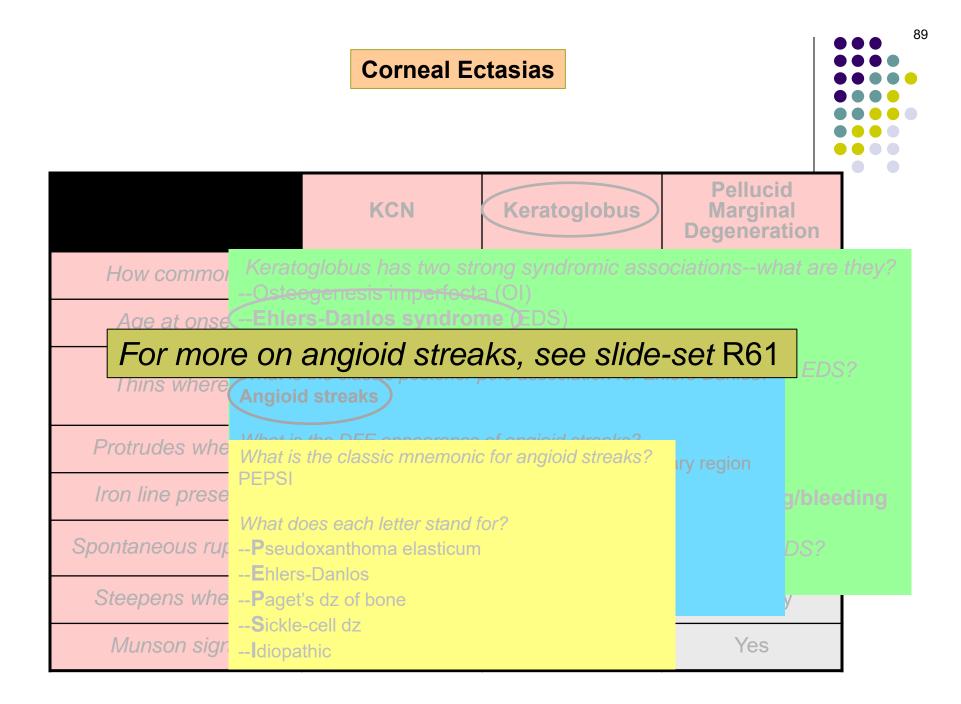


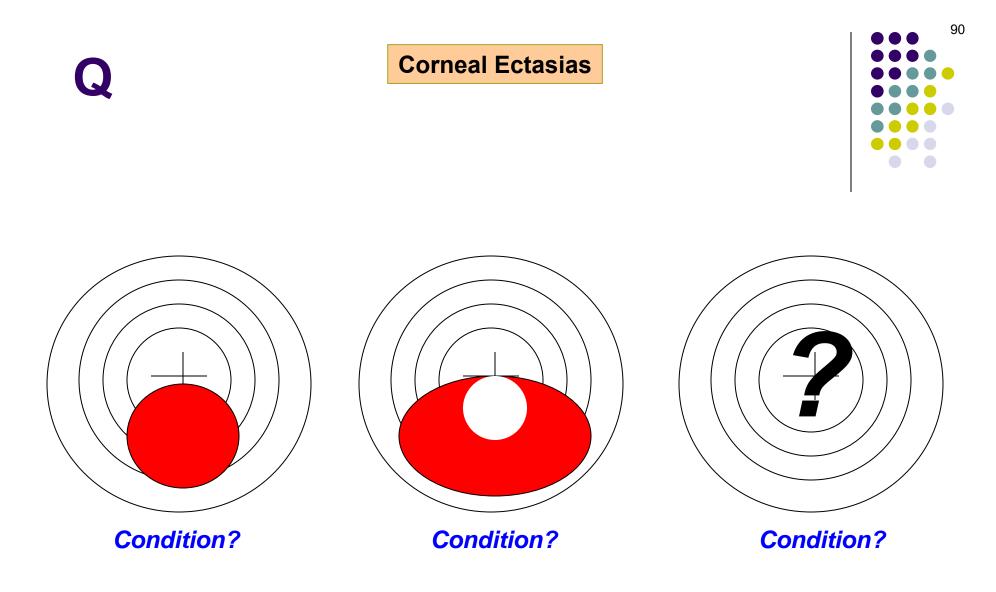




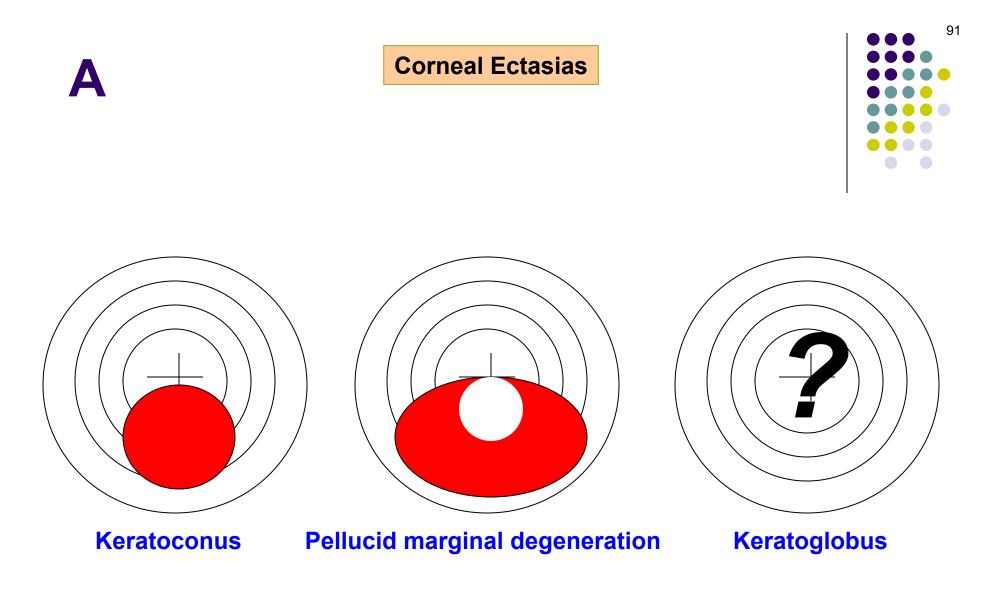








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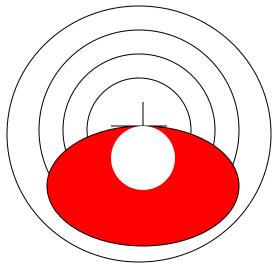


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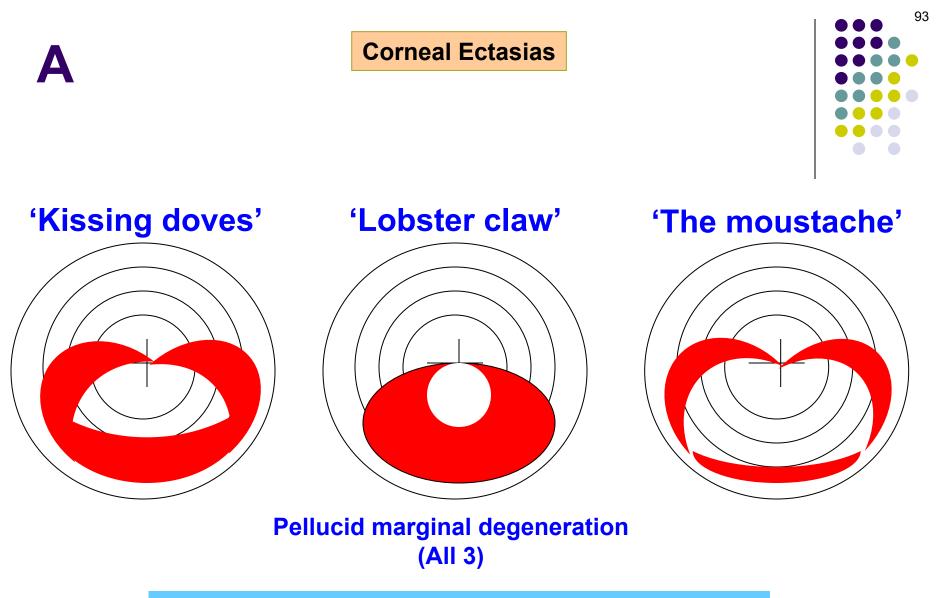






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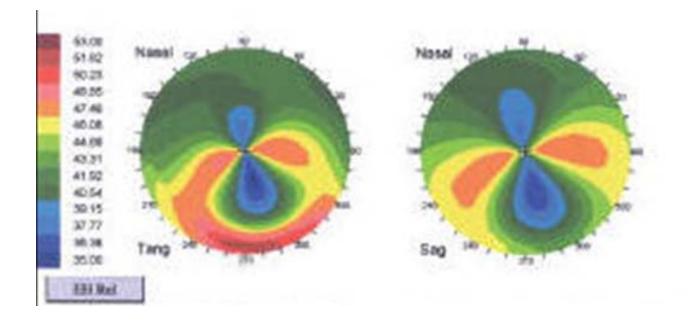
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## 'Kissing doves'

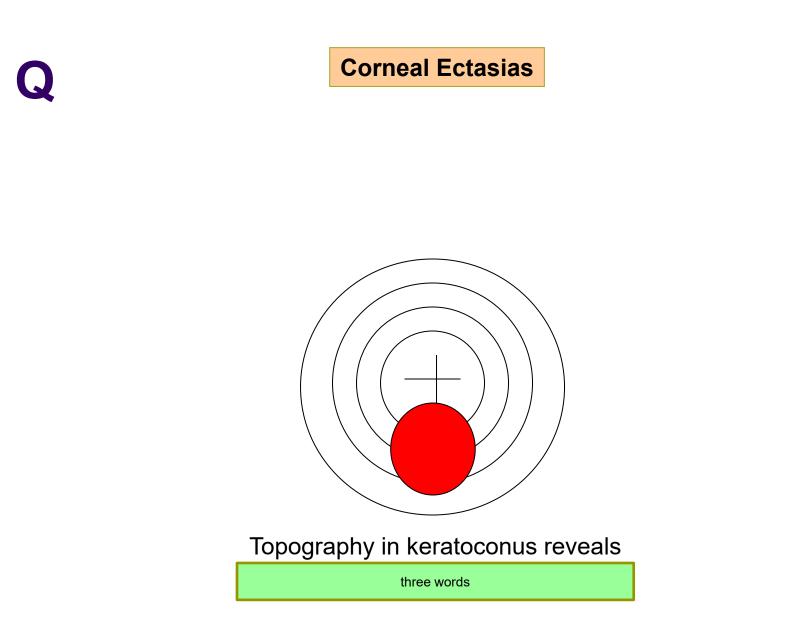
# 'Lobster claw'

### 'The moustache'



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No question—proceed when ready

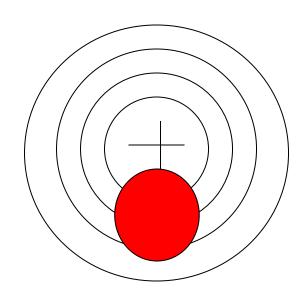








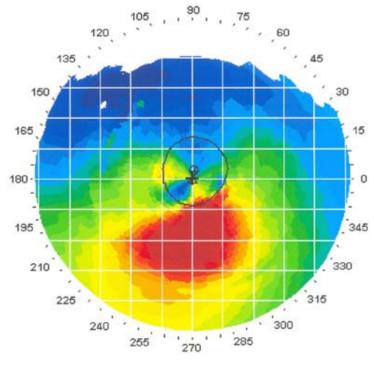




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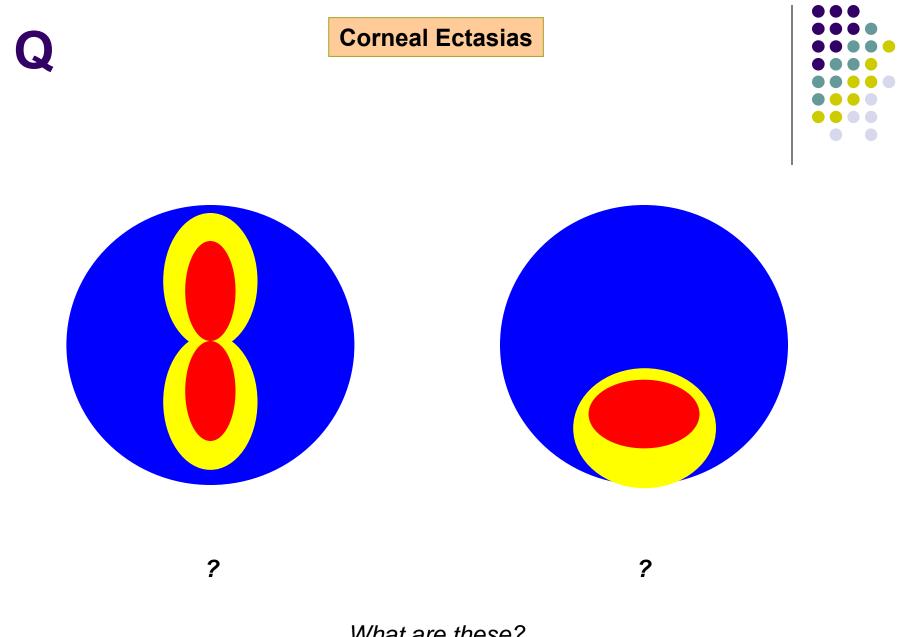


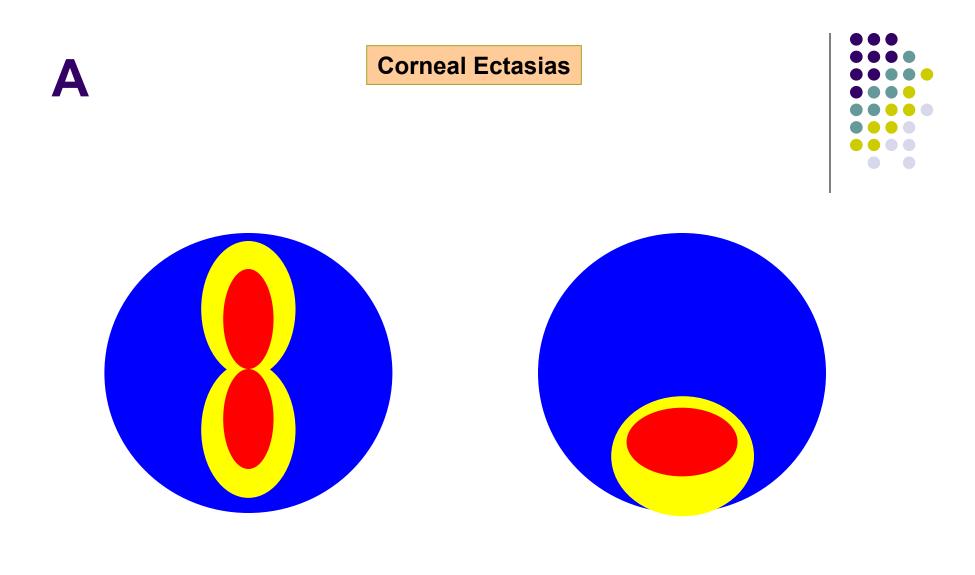




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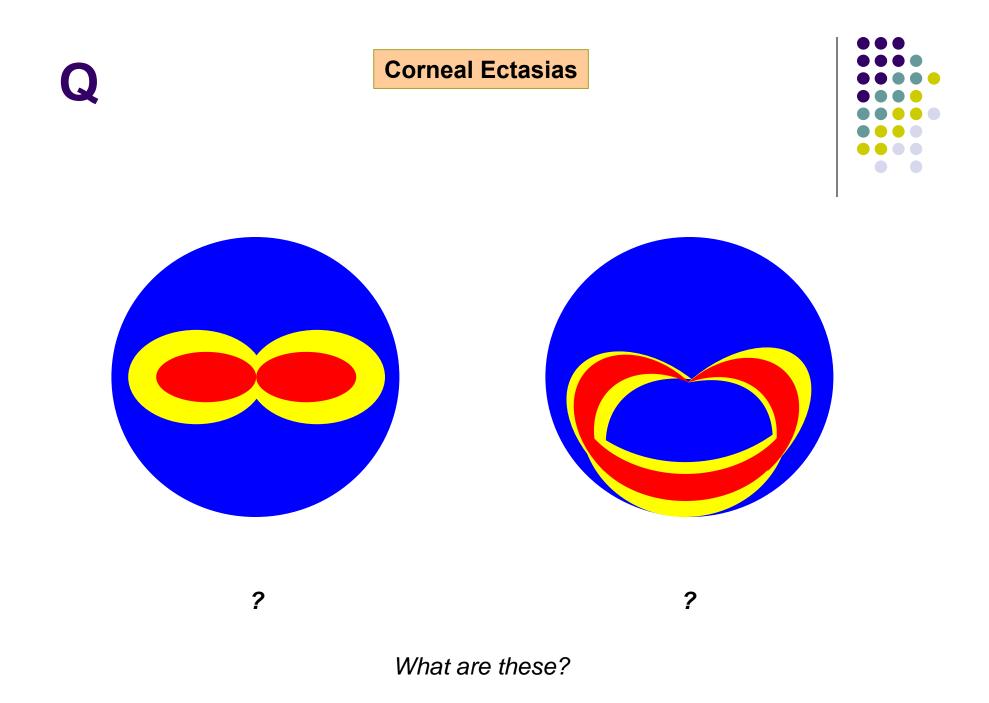
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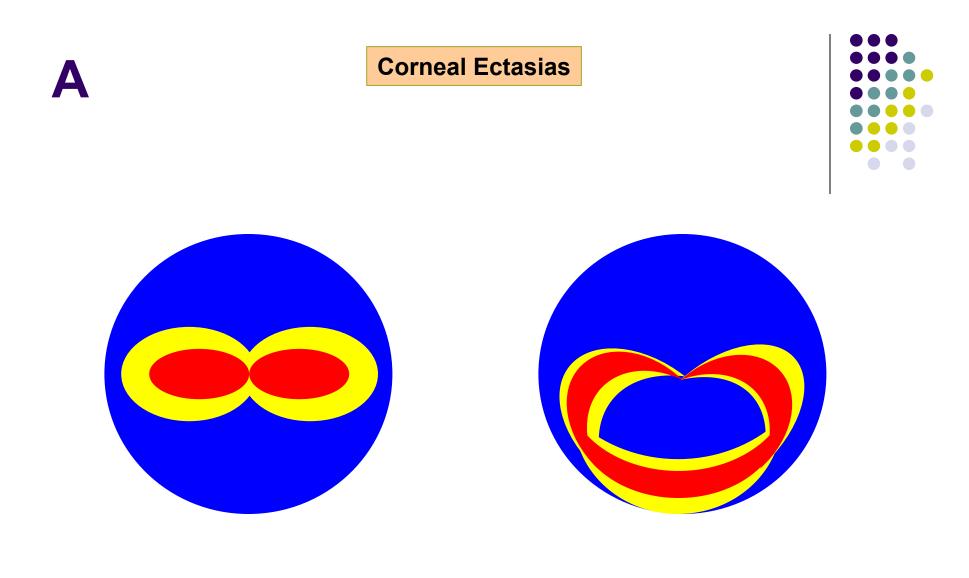




With-the-rule astigmatism

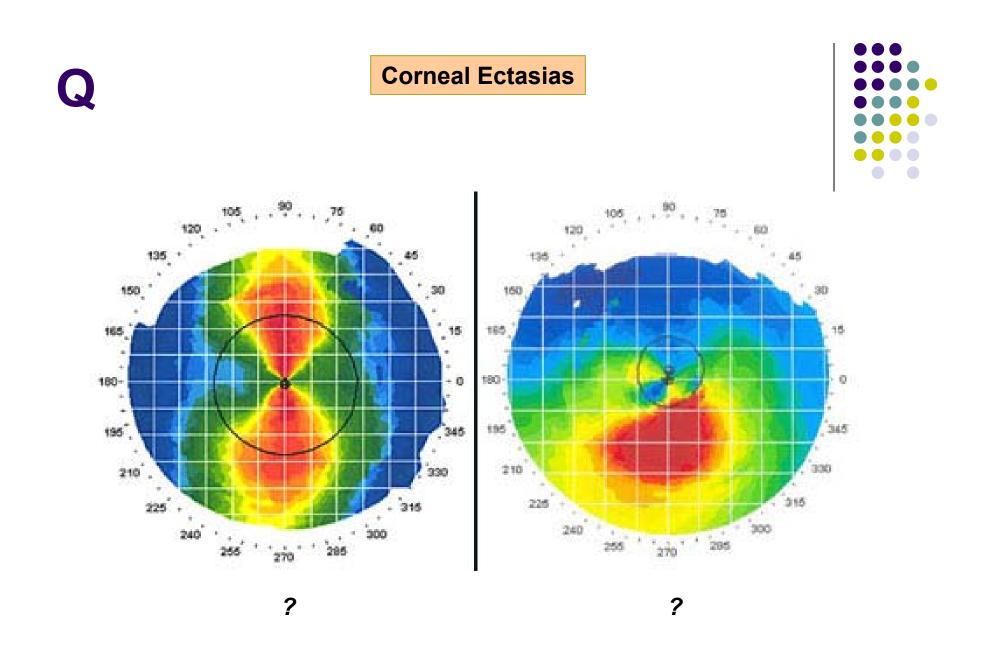
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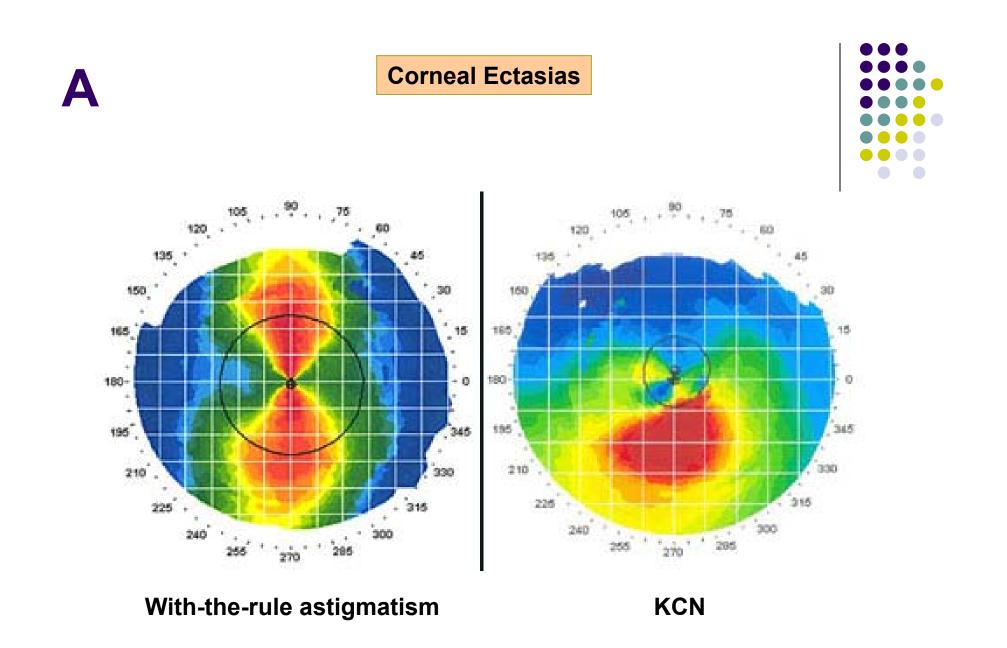


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Pellucid



What are these?



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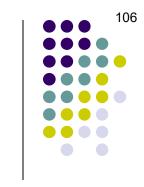
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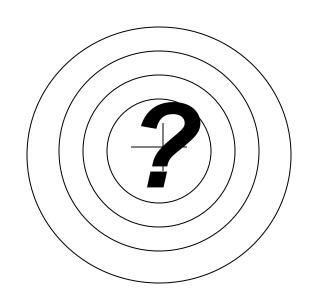
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Corneal topography in keratoglobus has not been well delineated, and thus I would not expect to see such a map on the OKAP and/or Boards!

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- What are the 7 classic associations of keratoconus?
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  - A
  - M
  - E
  - D

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- What are the 7 classic associations of keratoconus?
  - Floppy eyelid syndrome
  - Leber's congenital amaurosis
  - Atopic disease (including AKC)
  - Mitral valve prolapse
  - Ehlers-Danlos

Α

• Down syndrome

Mnemonic is...FLAMED