

A 65-year-old female came to us with complaints of severe loss of vision. She was losing her vision very rapidly and with her right eye, she had lost all vision. She also had severe ocular pain with headache on left side. She had visited various ophthalmologists. She was diagnosed having cataract and glaucoma in both eyes. She was operated for cataract and glaucoma in left eye. Despite two surgeries, her eye pressures were not controlled and She was started on 3 eye drops and one tablet (3 times a day, this tablet can have unpleasant side effects) had advanced and uncontrolled glaucoma. At this time she visited our institute. With her right eye, she could only perceive light but could not see anything. Her left eye vision was counting finger at 3 meter. Despite, so many medications, her eye pressure (known as IOP) was 36 mm Hg in left eye. The optic nerve was advanced damaged, more than 95% of nerve fiber damaged. Her situation was very delicate. She was losing the nerve very rapidly despite multiple surgeries and maximum medications we can give to a patient. She needed more than medications, a third operation. In one-eyed patient with such advanced damage, the surgery also can be tricky. It was a catch nine situation for us. If we don't operate, she loses vision in only Seeing Eye and that to be in less than year or two, on other hand with such advanced damage, the chance of losing vision immediately after surgery can be at least 3%. We explained all pros and cons to patients and relative. In fact, patient was so fed up with her severe eye pain and headache; she suggested that if we can cure her headache at the cost of her vision, she would trade that. We operated her in second week of October with glaucoma surgery. Now nearly after 6 months of her operation not only she is maintaining her vision with nicely controlled eye pressure. (Last IOP was 8 mm Hg, 6 years after surgery) she is also very happy that her eye pain and headache has subsided completely after her glaucoma surgery performed by Dr. Rajul S Parikh.