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A rare case of self-inflicted needle injury

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Self-inflicted eye injury is a rare form of self-injury. Most cases are in the context of psychiatric disorders.^[1,2] A 29-year-old young female presented with visual loss and pain in the right eye. Visual acuity was 4/10 in the right eye and 10/10 in the left eye. Ocular examination revealed a needle penetrating the eye at six o'clock above the lower eyelid [Figure 1]. The anterior chamber was quiet. There was a vitreous hemorrhage without any visible retinal tears. Her family described about self-injuries she had attempted before. She received a successful vitrectomy with removal of the needle. Psychiatric support

was provided to the patient after the surgery.

Declaration of patient consent

The authors certify that they have obtained all appropriate patient consent forms. In the form, the patient(s) has/have given his/her/their consent for his/her/their images and other clinical information to be reported in the journal. The patients understand that their names and initials will not be published and due efforts will be made to conceal their identity, but anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

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Figure 1: Needle penetrating the eye at six o'clock above the lower eyelid

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