

# Optic atrophy

Optic [atrophy](#) refers to the death of the [retinal ganglion cell](#) axons that comprise the [optic nerve](#) with the resulting picture of a pale optic nerve on [funduscopy](#). Optic atrophy is an end stage that arises from myriad causes of optic nerve damage anywhere along the path from the [retina](#) to the [lateral geniculate nucleus](#).

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