

# Quadrantanopia

Implies that only the respective superior or inferior quadrant of the [visual field](#) is affected.

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[Anterior temporal lobectomy](#) is often complicated by [quadrantanopia](#). In some cases this can be severe enough to prohibit driving, even if a patient is free of [seizures](#). These deficits are caused by damage to [Meyers loop](#) of the [optic radiation](#), which shows considerable heterogeneity in its anterior extent. This structure cannot be distinguished using clinical [magnetic resonance imaging](#) sequences.

Optic radiation tractography by DTI could be a useful method to assess an individual patient's risk of postoperative visual deficit <sup>[1\)](#)</sup> <sup>[2\)](#)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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