Spontaneous bony orbital auto-decompression in thyroid ophthalmopathy.

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Abstract

Orbital 'auto-decompression' in TED (thyroid eye disease) is a well recognised phenomenon in older patients where lax orbital septa allow proptosis to decompress the orbit. Bony 'auto-decompression' in TED is a different entity which to the best of our knowledge has not been previously reported. We describe such a case which presented spontaneously, in the absence of trauma or bony pathology, and discuss possible causes.

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