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Glaucoma is a group of diseases in which damage to the optic nerve occurs, **leading to blindness if not treated in time.**

Common types of glaucoma:

- congenital glaucoma (onset before 3 years of age)
- juvenile glaucoma (acquired before the age of 40)
- primary open angle glaucoma (POAG) (most common, no known cause)
- secondary glaucoma (due to some known cause – trauma, uveitis etc.)
- narrow angle glaucoma (angle open but capable of closure)
- acute angle closure (sudden closure of a narrow angle with a steep rise in pressure within the eye. This is an EMERGENCY – even a single attack can lead to permanent damage to vision or even blindness)
- chronic angle closure (closure of angle over a long period – previous narrow angle, inflammation, advanced cataract)

