

## Serpentine Appearance of Giant Retinal Tear

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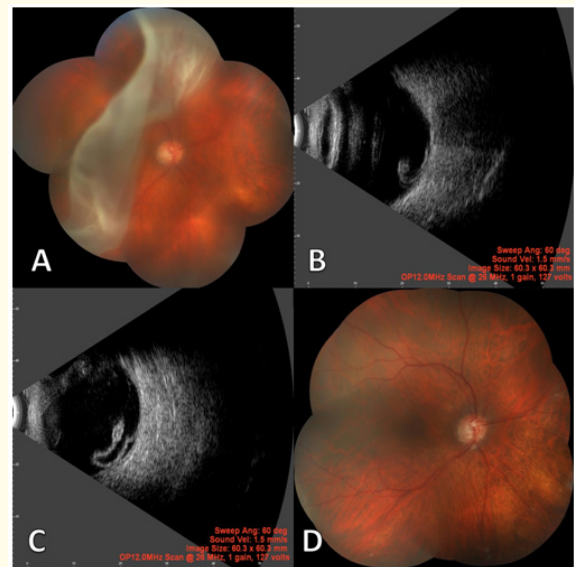
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Giant retinal tears (GRTs) are described as full-thickness circumferential retinal tears involving more than 3 clock hours (90 degrees) of the peripheral retina [1]. GRTs are caused by vitreous traction on the peripheral retina in the area of the vitreous base as there is condensation of the peripheral vitreous along with liquefaction of the central vitreous. Due to subsequent transvitreal contraction of the cortical gel, the tear occurs along the vitreous base in a zipper fashion [2]. Sonographic appearance of the GRT has been described in literature as a double linear echo that is discontinuous with the contour of the globe [3]. We describe the serpentine appearance of the GRT on ultrasound B scan.

A 61 year old male presented with complaint of seeing floaters and diminution of vision in the right eye since 3 days. Best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) was recorded as HM in the right eye and 6/6 in the left eye. On examination, a GRT was noticed in the right eye of about 4 clock hours (Figure 1A). Ultrasound B scan showed serpentine appearance of the GRT (Figure 1B and 1C). The patient underwent pars plana vitrectomy with belt buckle with perfluorocarbon liquid with endolaser with silicone oil tamponade in the right eye. Postoperatively, retina was attached with BCVA of 6/60 (Figure 1D).



**Figure 1:** Colour fundus photograph (A) of the right eye of the patient showing GRT of about 4 clock hours from 8 to 12 o'clock (B) Ultrasound B scan image- (axial scan) showing the rolled over edge of the GRT (C) Ultrasound B scan image- (transverse scan) showing the serpentine appearance of the GRT (D) Post-operative fundus photograph of the patient showing attached retina.

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