

Keratoconus

Clue: Visual Quality Complaints

Monocular diplopia or ghosting

Keratoconus typically presents asymmetrically. Individuals may notice greater shadowing and doubling of images from the more advanced eye.

Halos and glare

Corneal distortion and higher-order aberrations due to keratoconus may contribute to halos and glare, usually more noticeable at night.

Vision that is not crisp

Irregular astigmatism related to keratoconus makes vision correction difficult with glasses. Further investigate poor quality of vision to rule out ocular disease.

“Even with 20/20 vision, the presence of glare or shadows may indicate ocular pathology from the front or back of the eye. Suspect keratoconus in young individuals with worsening visual complaints in the absence of cataracts and retinal disease.”

—Dr Chiu, iDetective

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