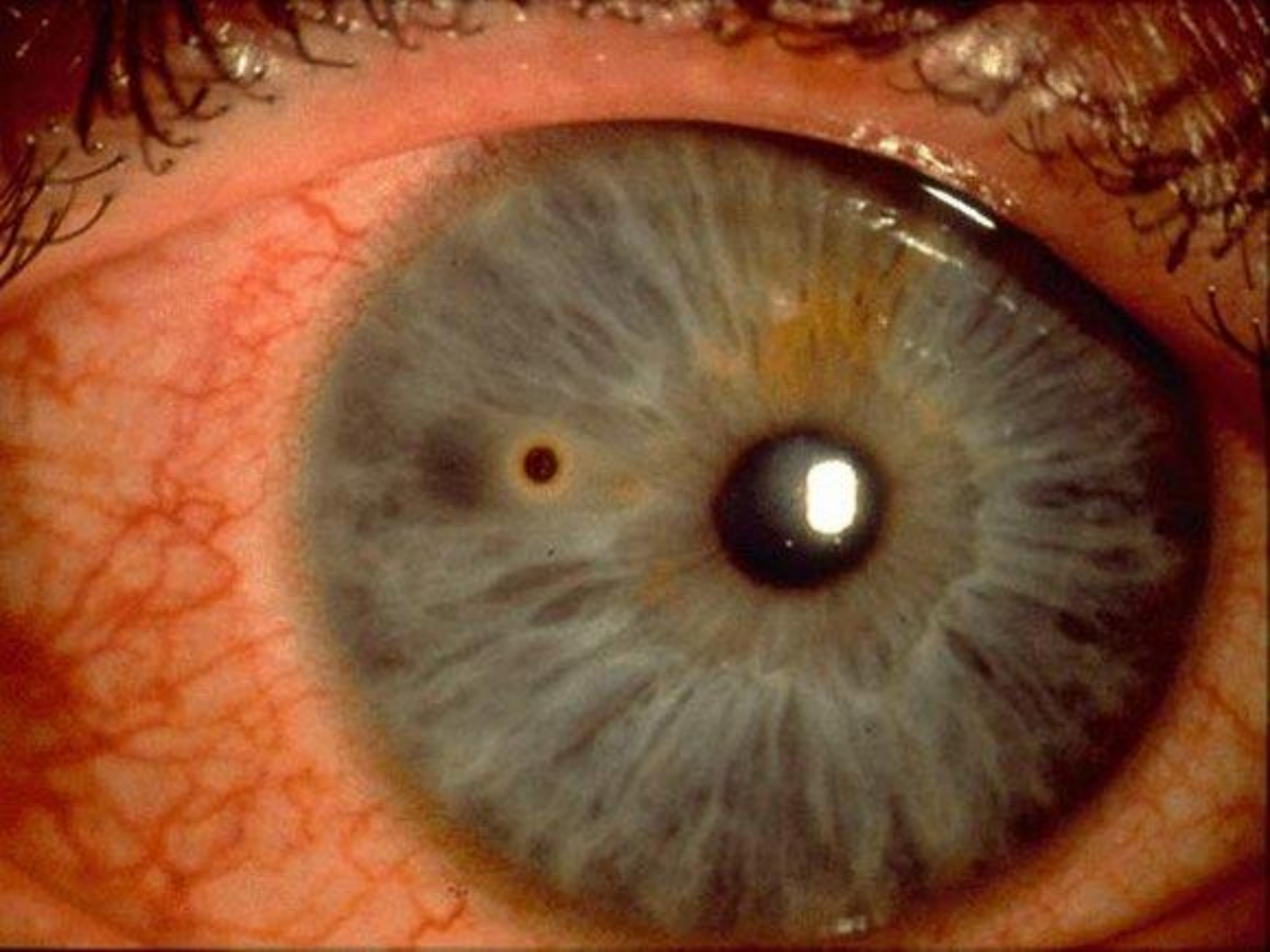


Foreign body in the eye

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Removal of a foreign body in the eye

- **Remove the foreign body as follows:**
- Place 2 drops of 'Novesine[®]' eye drops in the affected eye.
- A mobile **light source** is very important!
- You will also need a **21G needle**, magnifying glasses, 2 eyelid retractors (made from paper clips) and an earbud.
- The patient should lie flat on the examination couch. You sit at the top of the examination couch looking towards the patient's feet.
- Your assistant keeps the eyelids open with the retractors.
- Now gently scrape the foreign body off the cornea with the bevel of the needle. Once it lies loose, touch it with the earbud until it sticks to the latter and then remove it.
- If a rust ring has formed you have to gently drill it out with a dental drill bit you roll between your fingers, or with an Alger drill (Storz).
- Insert eye ointment and cover the eye with an eye pad for at least 8 hours (because the eye is anaesthetised and the patient can accidentally damage it). The patient can then remove the eye pad and continue with the eye ointment as prescribed.(Do VA before and after the removal.)

Eyelid retractors

