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IATROGENIC LACRIMAL CANALICULAR GRANULOMA --- A CASE REPORT

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This article describes an uncommon case of granuloma of lacrimal canaliculus. A 25-year-old woman had the symptom of epiphora of right eye, then lacrimal sac irrigation and probing were performed. Nasolacrimal stenosis without total obstruction was diagnosed. One month later, a protruding, flesh-colored mass (about 0.5cm x 0.4cm x 0.3cm) developed from right inferior lacrimal punctum.

Excisional biopsy was done and pathology showed inflammatory granuloma of lacrimal canaliculus. Lamina propria beneath the lacrimal canaliculus is moderately infiltrated by lymphocytes and plasma cells. No recurrence was noted by 6 - month follow-up. Iatrogenic trauma to lacrimal canaliculus by previous probing should be considered as the most possible cause.

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