

MINNESOTA ACADEMY
of EYE PHYSICIANS and
SURGEONS

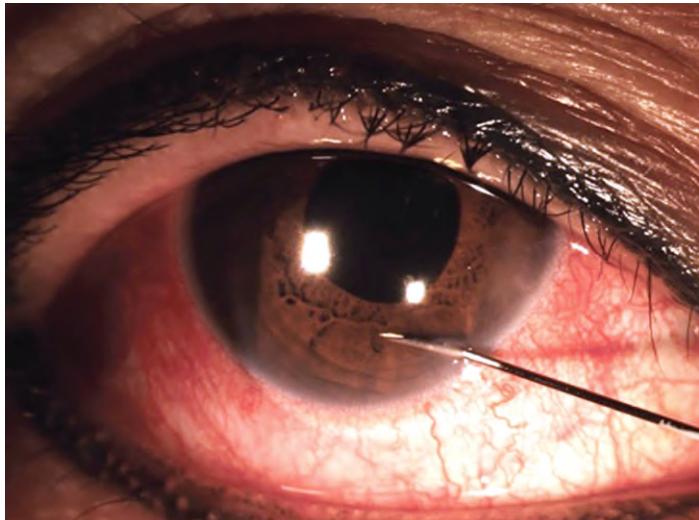
Oppose Senate File 1144

Senate File 1144 would dangerously expand optometry scope of practice to allow for injections of medications into the eyelids and the front of the eyeball itself

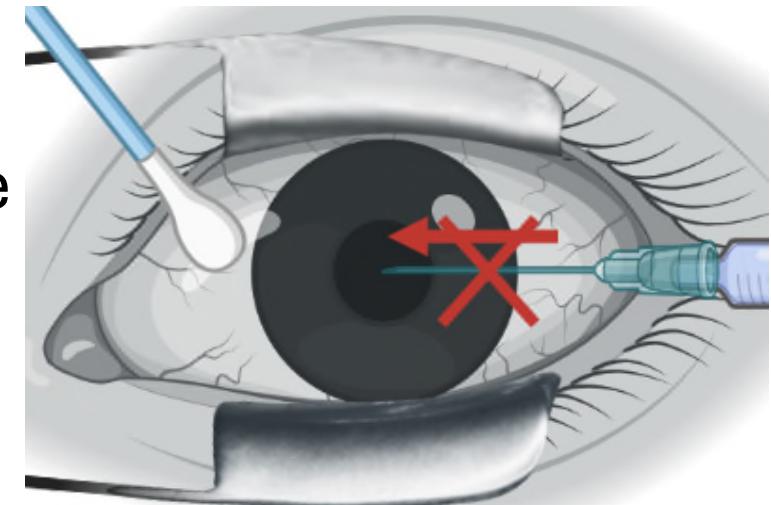
Injection into the front of the eye

Infection introduced by poor injection
technique can be **blinding**

An example of infection
inside the eye,
called endophthalmitis



A needle placed *less*
than a millimeter in the
wrong direction can
cause **permanent**
damage



Injections around the eye are NOT minor

- Incorrect injection technique
- Incorrect material used
- Injection in the wrong location
- Injection into a blood vessel

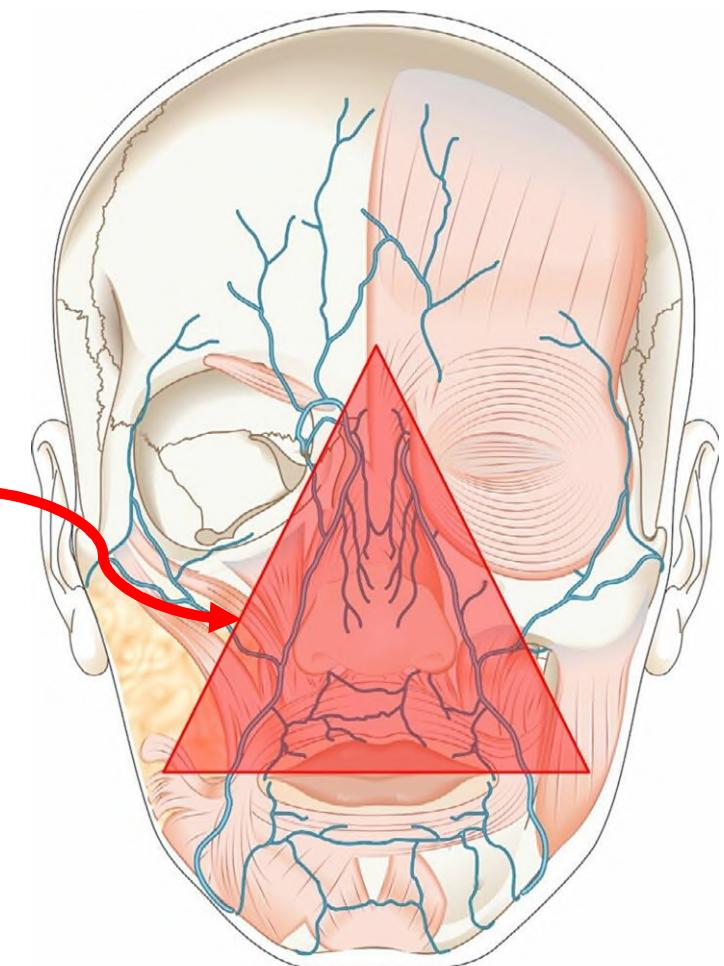
Can result in major problems

- Death of facial tissue
- Blinding blood vessel blockage in the eye
- Life-threatening blood clot in the brain



Blood vessels in this area connect directly to the brain

Injections here can lead to **infections** and **blood clots** in the brain



“Lumps and Bumps” can be **SKIN CANCER**

Not as easy as they sound

BENIGN INFLAMMATION



Chalazion (Stye)

- A clogged and inflamed oil gland
- Can be treated with drainage
- **Several types of aggressive cancers look almost identical**

MALIGNANT CANCER



Merkel cell carcinoma

- An aggressive and deadly skin cancer
- MUST be treated appropriately (never with drainage)
- If it spreads, only **50%** of people survive 5 years
- If it metastasizes, **less than 25%** of people survive 5 years