

Cerulean Cataract

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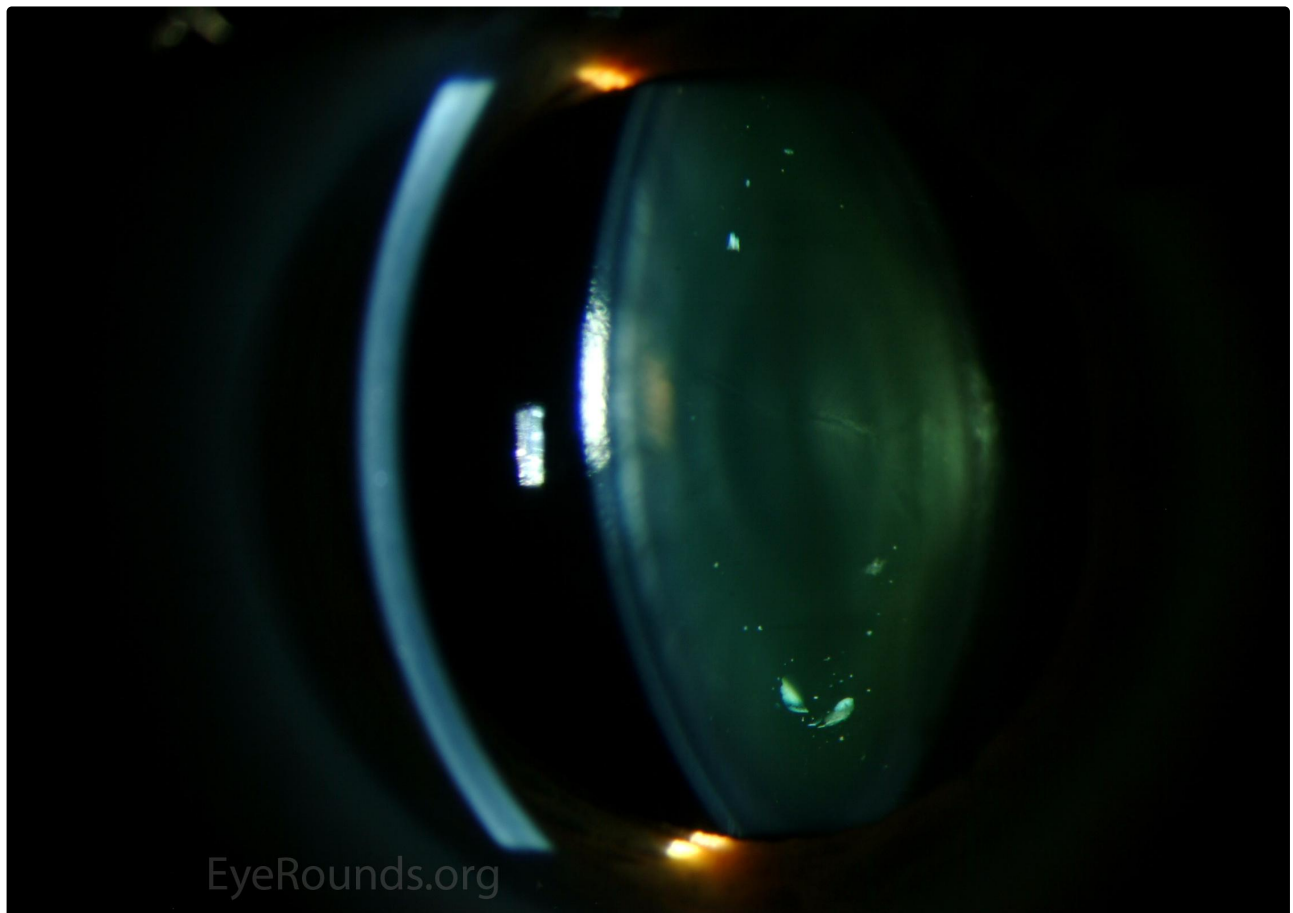
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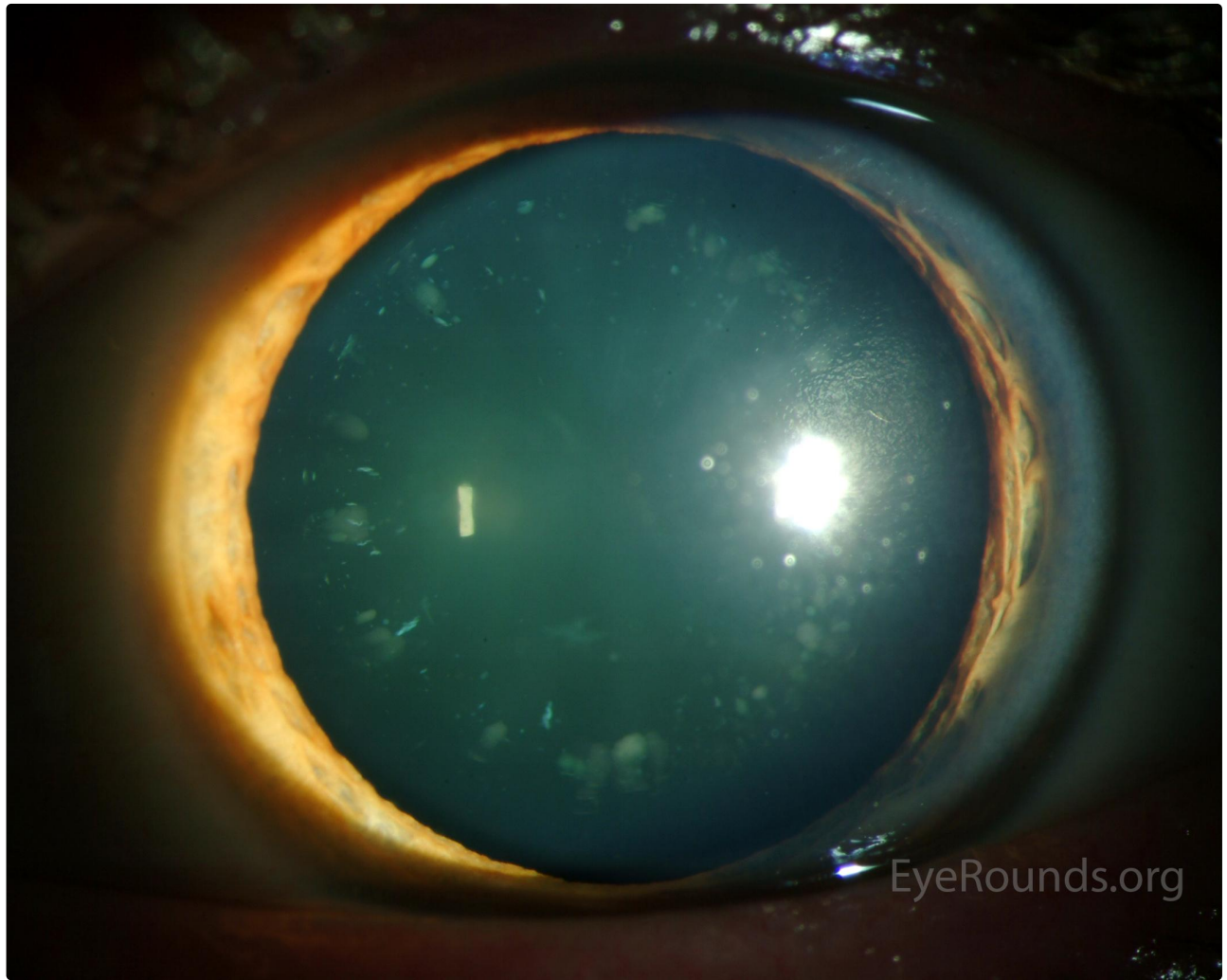
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Cerulean cataracts are a type of congenital cataract in which there are bluish cortical opacities within the crystalline lens. Their name is derived from the Latin word "caeruleus" which means "dark blue." They are typically nonprogressive minimally visually symptomatic.



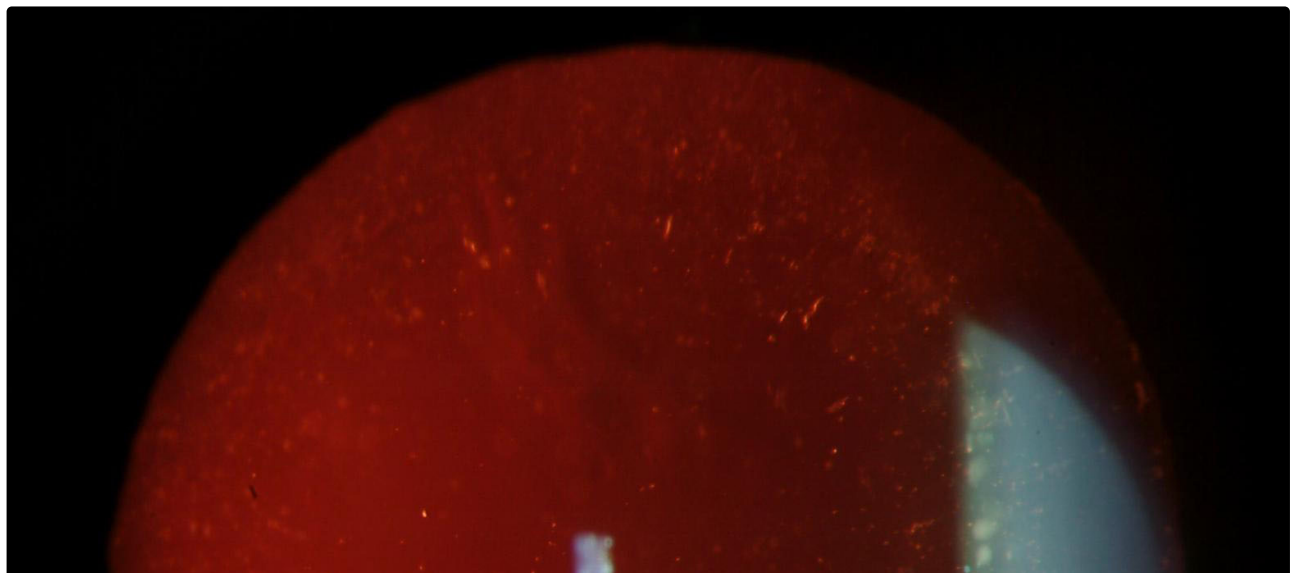
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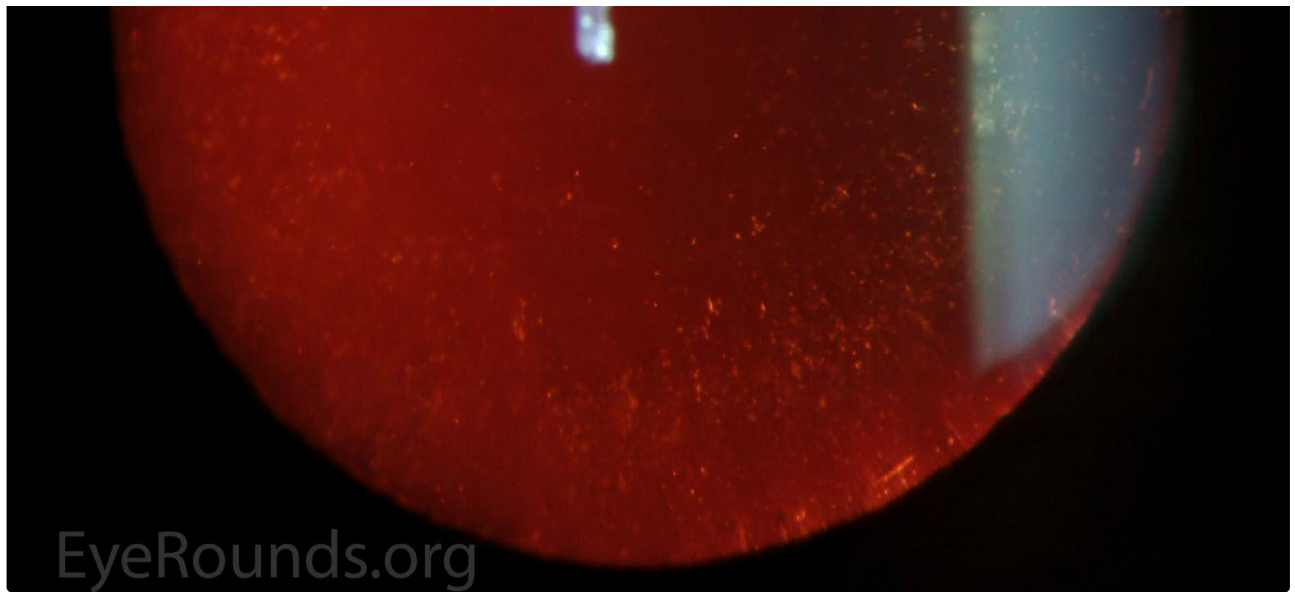
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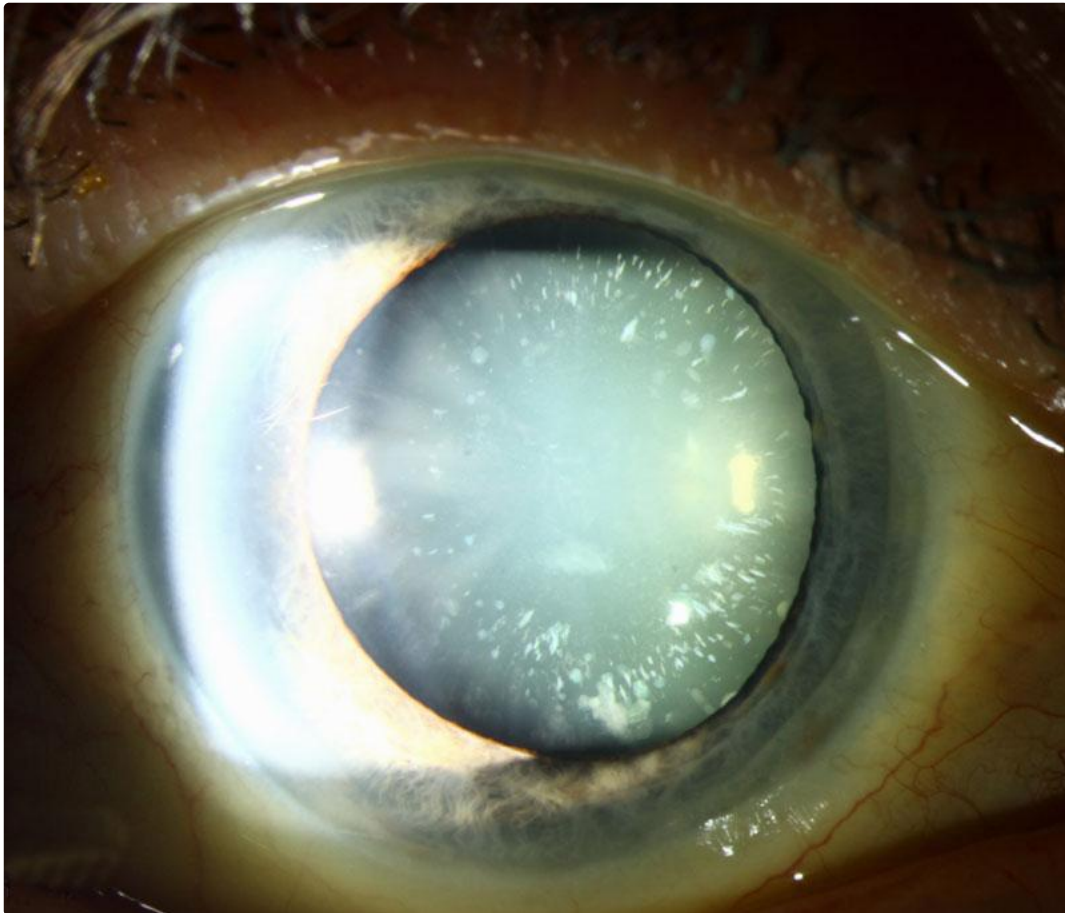




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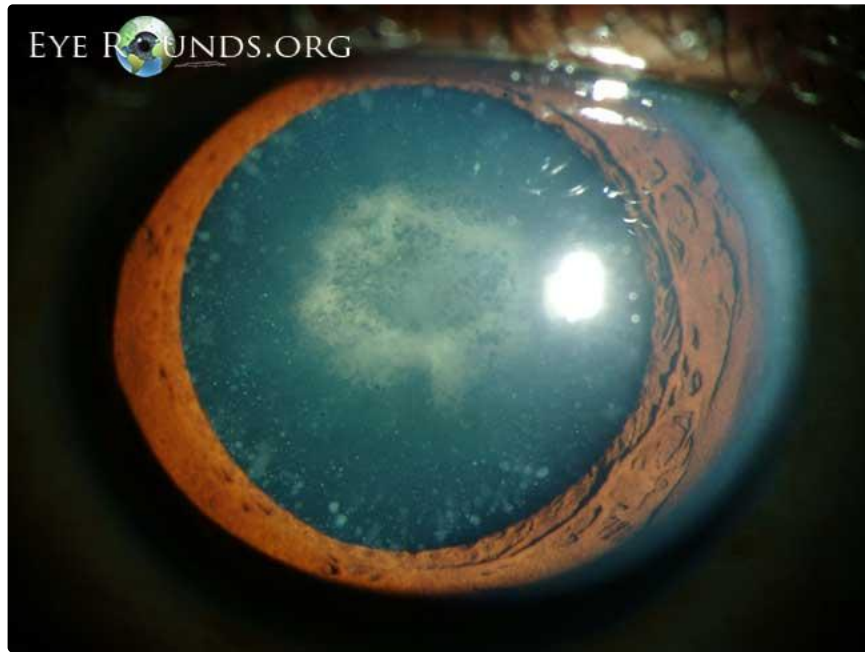
This is a congenital cataract that is rarely visually significant and strikingly beautiful. Cerulean is a sky blue color, the word deriving from the Latin word for 'heaven' and also related to copper--imagine the blue color on tarnished copper.

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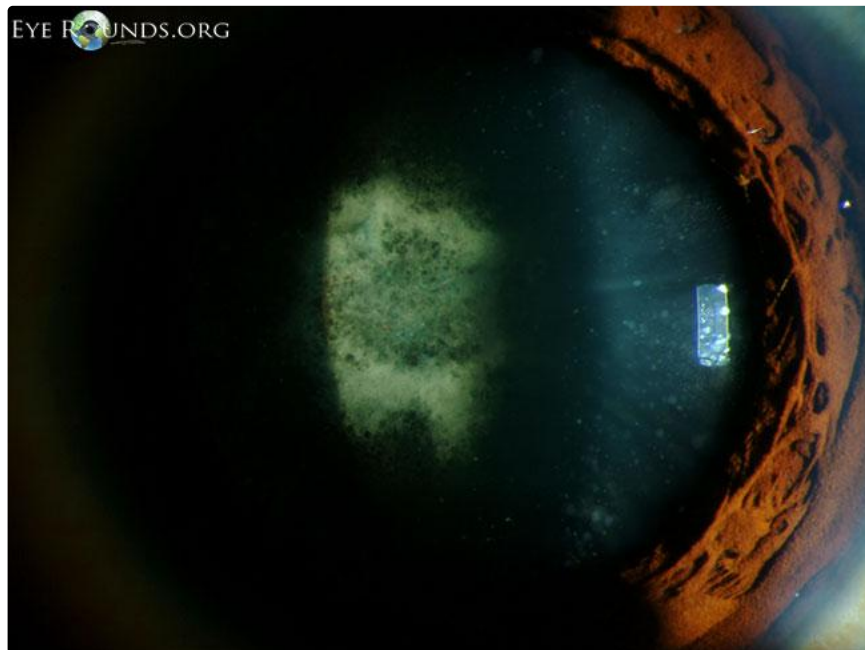
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Cerulean cataracts are composed of small bluish dot-like opacities in the peripheral lens cortex. They usually do not cause visual symptoms. This patient also has a dense central posterior subcapsular cataract which was visually significant.



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