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About Your Eye

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Uveitis often refers to the inflammation of the middle layer of the eye, (iris + ciliary body + choroid). As structures in the middle layer of eye are adjacent to each other, an infection of one structure will often spread to neighboring structure. With severe infections, WBC and microorganisms accumulate in the anterior chamber and form a heavy grayish-white exudates called 'hypopyon'. The healing iris can also develop adhesions that attach it to the cornea (anterior synechiae) or to the lens (posterior synechiae). These adhesions can result in the flow of aqueous humor, resulting in glaucoma, or interfere with normal eye function, possibly leading to the formation of cataracts.

Treatment involves intensive anti-inflammatory agents, cycloplegics, heat and eye pad.