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Interferon Related Optic Neuropathy

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Interferon is used in a variety of conditions. It is a factor, which has been known to induce antiviral activity. Its use in patients with chronic viral hepatitis is practiced by physicians. We report a case of interferon related optic neuritis in a patient of Hepatitis C who was on interferon a-2b injection 3 million units subcutaneously on alternate days. We feel the need for baseline ophthalmic examination for early detection and careful follow up for management of vision threatening complications in patients undergoing interferon therapy.