

What is Thyroid Eye Disease?

Thyroid eye disease, commonly referred to as TED, is an autoimmune condition characterized by inflammation, growth, and damage to tissues around and behind the eyes.



Not everyone living with TED will experience the same symptoms and the impact of each symptom will vary for each individual. Common symptoms include:



- Dry eyes
- Sensitivity to light
- Redness of the eyes
- Pain in and around the eyes
- Eyelid retraction
- Bulging eyes
- Double vision
- Swelling of the eyes and surrounding area



In severe cases, TED can lead to damage to the eyes and even loss of sight.

TED is five times more common in women.



Men with TED are more likely to develop a severe form of the condition.



Most often, TED occurs when the thyroid gland is overactive. Around 85% of people with TED also have Graves' disease, a different condition.

When diagnosed with TED, it is important to build a care team that involves an ophthalmologist and endocrinologist and to talk with these medical experts about all available treatments for TED and potential clinical study opportunities.



In addition to speaking with healthcare professionals, patient advocacy organizations are a great resource for information and support.

