**What is enucleration?**

The surgical removal of the entire eye.

**Reasons for enucleation**

* Enucleation should be performed on proptosed eyes in which more than 3 extraocular muscles have been torn.  Such trauma often involves destruction of the optic nerve and/or other cranial nerves resulting in blindness and future corneal deterioration.
* Large primary intraocular tumors that cause blindness and/or glaucoma
* In severe cases of endophthalmitis and panophthalmitis.

Note: Enucleated globes should be submitted for histopathology to reveal any underlying disease.