Precautions

When cutting, minimal tension should be placed on the optic nerve and globe. Excessive tension can cause reflexive bradycardia. In cats, excessive tension on the optic nerve can also damage the optic chiasm causing blindness in the contralateral eye.

Be precise with the removal of the secretory tissues. Often left behind are the conjunctiva and the nictitating membrane. These tissues will continue to secrete, causing cyst formation. This complication is most common when the transconjunctival technique is used.