Can occur at any stage of syphilis

Symptoms
• Visual changes or blindness (Uveitis)
• Hearing loss
• Headache
• Seizures
• Stroke like symptoms
• Unsteady gait
• Acute meningitis
• Confusion
• Poor concentration
• Memory loss
• Dementia
• Psychosis
• Depression or irritability
• Muscle contractions or atrophy

Delayed or untreated symptoms can progress to permanent vision loss.

Clients with a syphilis diagnosis and neuro/ocular symptoms should be referred for an immediate ophthalmologic evaluation and lumbar puncture for VDRL screening.