

Ophthalmology Department

Entropion

What is an Entropion?

Entropion is the medical term used to describe rolling inward of the lower eyelid and eyelashes towards the eyeball. The skin of the eyelid and the eyelashes rub against the cornea (the front part of the eye) and conjunctiva (the mucous membrane that protects the eye). This rubbing can lead to excessive watering, crusting of the eyelid, mucous discharge, a foreign body in the eye feeling, irritation of the cornea, and impaired vision.

What are the causes for this condition?

Most cases of entropion are due to relaxation of the tissues of the eyelid as a result of ageing. Some cases result from scarring of the inner surface of the eyelid caused by chemical and thermal burns, inflammatory diseases such as ocular pemphigoid, or allergic reactions.

How is this condition managed?

Entropion should be repaired surgically before the rubbing damages the cornea by causing infection and scarring. Before surgery, the eye can be protected by taping the lower lid down and using lubricating drops and ointment.

The surgery to repair entropion is usually carried out under local anaesthesia (an injection to numb the skin) with or without sedation as a day case. In most cases, your doctor will tighten the eyelid, along with the use of everting stitches. In some severe cases of upper eyelid Entropion (rarely lower eyelid) mucous membrane grafts (from inside the lips) may be necessary. You may have a patch overnight and then will commonly use an antibiotic drop or ointment for about 2 weeks. After your eyelids heal, your eye will feel comfortable, reducing the risk of infection, and loss of vision. You will have stitches that might have to be removed.



Patient Information

Are there any risks or side effects?

- There may be bruising around the eye.
- There is a small risk of infection of the lid or eye.
- There is a possibility of the condition returning or over correction of the eyelid, which may require further operation.
- You may end up with a scar

What are the benefits?

- Relief of symptoms.
- Reduced risk of eye infection.
- The appearance of the eyelid returning to normal.

Further information

For further information contact the Oculoplastics Specialist Nurse on Telephone Number 024 7696 6533. Alternatively you may contact your consultant's secretary on the numbers below.

Mr H Ahluwalia's secretary 024 7696 6506

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Emergency eye appointments: New booking system

If you have an urgent eye problem, you can now book an on-the-day telephone consultation via the Eye Emergency Referral Service (EERS).



Scan the QR code or visit www.uhcw.nhs.uk and search Eye Emergency Referral Service. You can book a telephone consultation via this link.

You will be spoken to by an expert clinician who will give you specialist advice on the next steps to take.

Please provide a phone number which you can be contacted on for the consultation. Please also be aware that you will be phoned as close to the allotted time as possible, although at busy times unfortunately there may be a delay.

In the event that you feel you cannot wait to speak to someone or do not have online access then you may call 0247 696 4800.

This phone line is open 9am - 1pm; 1.30pm - 5pm (Monday - Friday, excluding bank holidays) and 9am - 12pm (Saturday).

Please only attend the Eye Outpatient department if you have had a telephone consultation in advance and have been advised to attend.

In the event of an eye emergency out of hours, please attend the Minor Injuries Unit/Emergency Department.