

ENTROPION

Patient Information Sheet

What is Entropion?

Entropion is a term used for describing the turning in of the lower eyelid.

Why does it occur?

The main cause of Entropion is due to the ageing process in which loose skin, weak muscles and lower lid laxity occurs.

Symptoms

Some patients with Entropion will find this condition extremely uncomfortable. When the eyelid turns inwards the lashes can rub against the surface of the eye, causing pain and watering. The affected eye may be red in appearance and in some cases can cause a drop in vision.

Treatment

Entropion will need to be repaired surgically, before the rubbing of the eyelashes causes damage to the surface of the eye. Whilst waiting for surgery you may be advised to use some skin friendly tape to hold the lower lid down, consequently relieving the symptoms. Sometimes, Botulinum toxin can be injected to the eyelid to prevent the eyelid turning in. This is effective usually for 2-3 months.

The surgery to repair Entropion is usually performed under local anaesthetic. This will involve tightening of the muscles to correct the turning of the eyelid. This is not a small procedure and will take approximately 45 minutes. There is a small chance of recurrence in some patients.

Advice

Two weeks before surgery you should liaise with your doctor to discontinue any medications that increase the chance of bleeding: such as Aspirin, Warfarin and non-steroid anti-inflammatory agents.

If you have any questions or worries, please contact

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