

# Blepharochalasis

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This material will help you understand blepharochalasis and how it is treated.

## **What is blepharochalasis?**

Blepharochalasis is an inflammatory condition that causes painless and recurrent eyelid swelling (edema). It then causes atrophy and thinning. There can also be redundant folds of eyelid skin. Pigmentary skin changes and changes in the position of your eyelid may also occur. It usually only affects the upper eyelids, but can affect one or both eyelids (unilateral or bilateral). Each episode usually lasts a few days at a time. It often presents first in childhood or adolescence.

## **What causes blepharochalasis?**

The exact cause of blepharochalasis is unknown. Some doctors believe that problems with the body's immune system may be responsible. It is also possible that the condition is hereditary.

## **How is blepharochalasis treated?**

No medical agents are known to effectively treat acute episodes of blepharochalasis. Surgery can be done to correct eyelid changes once the patient is stable for at least six months.

**For more information, scan these codes with your smartphone or visit the websites listed.**



<http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/1214014-overview#a0199>

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