

Entropion

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

What is entropion?

Entropion is a condition in which your lower eyelid turns in and rubs against your eye. Symptoms of entropion include:

- Irritation
- Eye pain
- Redness
- Excessive tearing
- Sensitivity to light

If left untreated, entropion may lead to eye infections, corneal abrasions, or corneal ulcers.

What causes entropion?

The most common cause of entropion is aging. As you get older, the tendons and muscles that hold your eyelid in place may begin to stretch out. This means that they are no longer able to hold up your eyelid, and it turns inward. Other causes of entropion include: trauma, scarring, or previous surgeries.

How is entropion treated?

You can use artificial tears or ointment to temporarily relieve your symptoms. For a more permanent solution, your doctor may recommend surgery. Surgery restores the eyelid to the normal position. It is usually performed as an outpatient procedure. Most patients notice a difference very soon after the surgery. It can make your eyes feel more comfortable and reduce your risk of

developing eye infections, corneal abrasions, and corneal ulcers. As with all surgeries, there are some risks such as minor bruising and swelling. Talk to your doctor about whether or not surgery is right for you.

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



<http://www.kellogg.umich.edu/patientcare/conditions/entropion.html>



<http://www.asoprs.org/files/public/InfoEntropion.pdf>

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