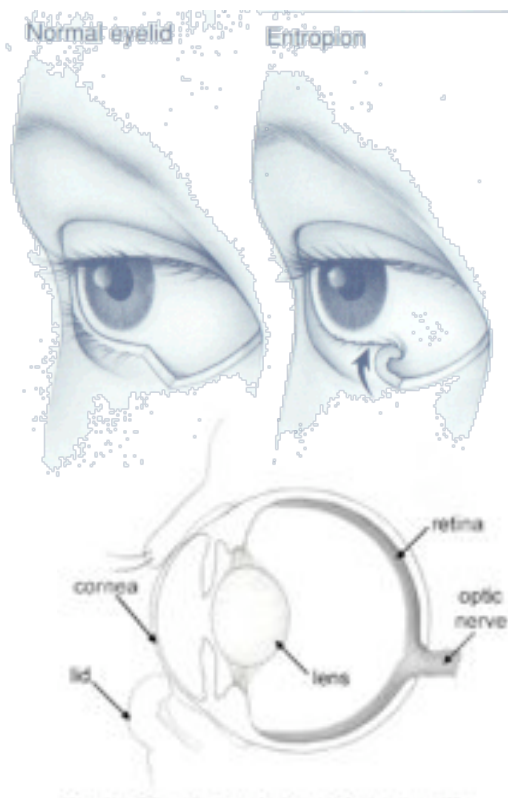


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What is entropion?

Entropion describes when the eyelid turns inwards towards the eyeball. In the UK, it more commonly affects the lower lids



What causes entropion?

In the UK, the commonest cause of entropion is due to ageing. Stretching of various tendons and loosening of the different layers of the eyelid allow the eyelid to rotate inwards resulting in entropion formation.

Some conditions which cause scarring of the eyelids can also result in the eyelids turning inwards.

What are the signs and symptoms of entropion?

The eyelid rubs against the eye causing irritation, redness, watering and blurred vision.

How is entropion treated?

Temporary Measures

The lower eyelid can be pulled back into its normal position with a piece of tape placed between the lid and cheek. This is only a temporary measure for entropion of the lower eyelid, whilst awaiting surgery.

Sometimes an injection of botulinum toxin (Botox) may be used to help weaken the muscles on the front of the

eyelid thus preventing the eyelid from turning inwards. This is also a temporary measure and provides comfort whilst waiting for definitive surgery.

Long Term Measures

The best option for treating entropion is by an operation.

Commonly this involves simple tightening of the loosened tendons and tightening of the eyelid muscle attachments, thus restoring the eyelid back to its normal position.

The vast majority of entropion operations can be done quite comfortably and quickly under a local anaesthetic injection as a day case procedure

Less commonly, entropion correction may require more extensive surgery



If left untreated, an entropion may cause a painful ulcer to develop on the front of the eye, which can lead to blindness.

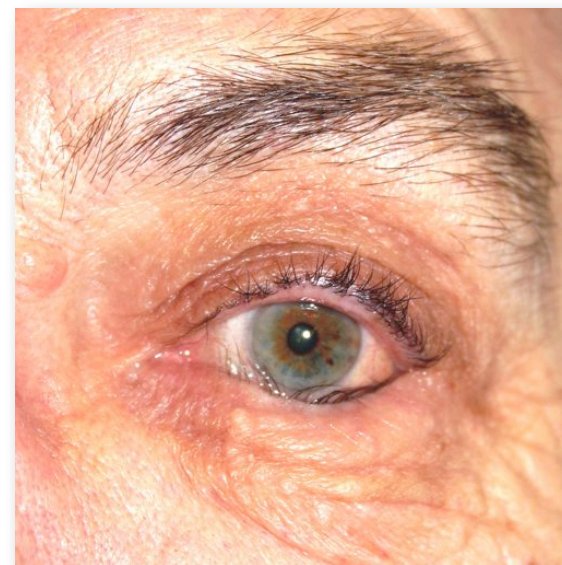
Do you have any questions?
Write them down here and bring this with you if you have to come for any treatment of your entropion.

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