

## Can I contact someone if I have a problem?

Yes, you can contact the Eye Department between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

 01722 336262 ext 5366

If you have a problem with your eye in the first 2 days after your operation, please speak to the doctor on call for the eye department. Call the hospital and ask the switchboard operator to contact the on-call eye doctor.

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You are entitled to a copy of any letter we write about you. Please ask if you want one when you come to the hospital.

The evidence used in the preparation of this leaflet is available on request. Please email [patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk](mailto:patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk) if you would like a reference list.

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# Entropion

# information

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**(8am - 5pm)**

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## Entropion

This is a condition in which the eyelid rolls inwards causing the lashes to rub on the eye leading to discomfort. It is more common in the lower eyelid.

### What causes entropion?

The commonest type of entropion is due to aging changes in the lids. There are other types of entropion which are less common and caused by scarring on the back of the lids. This could be due to damaged skin or injuries. This type of entropion can happen in the lower and upper lids.

### What treatment is available?

The age-related type is treated with simple surgery. The other type of entropion requires more complicated surgery.

The type of surgery suitable for you will be discussed with you before you are placed on the waiting list.

### What happens when I come for surgery?

During the surgery you will have drops put in your eye and then a local anaesthetic injection into the lids (**not in the eye**) will be given before the surgery to numb your lids. This causes some discomfort but you will feel little or no discomfort during the surgery, which can take up to an hour.

Occasionally the surgery can be done under general anaesthetic, which means you will be asleep for the surgery.

You will be able to go home the same day. You will not be able to drive yourself home after this operation so please arrange for someone to take you home.

You will be given some antibiotic ointment to use for a week or two.

### Are there any complications from the surgery?

As with any other surgery you can have some discomfort, bruising, swelling and, rarely, infection.

You may also have a tender lump on the outside of the eye for a few weeks.

All of the stitches are dissolvable and do not need to be removed.

If there is a higher risk of complication it will be discussed with you before the surgery.

### Can the entropion come back?

The results are very good with only around 5% coming back. This can be corrected by further surgery. If you have the more complicated entropion and the risk of coming back is higher it will be discussed with you.