

## MINOR LID SURGERY – PATIENT INFORMATION

An eye pad or dressing is usually applied to the eye or area operated on. This is to stop the bleeding and reduce the bruising and swelling. As far as possible, try to leave the dressing on for a few hours or until bedtime on the day of your procedure. On removing the dressing you are to apply the antibiotic ointment to the wound site, four times a day. This is to be continued usually for 1 week. Occasionally, if the wound is larger, the ointment may need to be continued for another week.

On rare occasions further bleeding may occur. If you suspect this has happened: apply a bit of pressure on the dressing for about 20 minutes and it should soon stop.

The local anaesthetic injection will wear off within a couple of hours. Some discomfort may be experienced once this happens. You may require further pain relief – for example paracetamol. This can be taken for the first couple of days or until the soreness subsides.

As the healing progresses, a “scab” may be present which will fall off in a few days. Feel free to wash the area after 24 hours. When you shower/ wash your face pat the wound dry and apply the ointment as instructed. Bruising may occur in the area of the operation or where the injection was given. This can last for up to two weeks.

If you have had sutures/ stitches as part of your procedure and they need to be removed, an appointment will be made in a week or 10 days for suture removal. In case the stitches are dissolvable you will be instructed accordingly.

If your wound becomes very painful, red, swollen or discharges please contact the department you were seen in or in office hours contact Ms Khandwala’s secretary.

