

# HOME CARE FOLLOWING ENTROPION/ECTROPION REPAIR, EXCISION

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# POST-OPERATIVE CARE

The following is a list of instructions for you to follow now that you have had your surgery. This will ensure the healing process goes smoothly and no complications arise.

### **Expected Pain and Management:**

When your anaesthetic wears off, you may feel some discomfort to your eye; take
 Panadol or Panadeine to relieve this.

#### Dressings:

- Take the dressings off the next morning after the operation.
- It is important not to rub the eye.

#### Daily Care:

If there is any discharge for the eye, dab the margin of the lids with a clean tissue or cotton balls dipped in warm, boiled water. It is very important to never rub the eye or wound.

You do have stitches, which WILL DISSOLVE. They do not need to be removed.

#### Eye Medications:

CHLORSIG ointment will be prescribed to prevent infection. This needs to be **gently** applied to the affected area and to the eye. Warm the tube in your hands or in warm water to melt the ointment. This will mean the ointment will "flow" into the eye. Use ointment in the operated eye 3-4 times per day for one week.

You may use topical lubricants as well to keep the eye comfortable if you wish.

### **General Care:**

NO vigorous activity for 2 weeks.

NO swimming for 4 weeks and avoid water in the eyes for 2 weeks.

We advise you wear sunglasses outside to protect the eye from dust and debris.

It is normal for the eye to be uncomfortable for the first 4 weeks – normal pain relief (e.g. Panadol or Nurofen) is fine to take if needed.

If you have any concerns, you can ring anytime for an earlier appointment.

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