



**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY BEFORE ATTENDING YOUR APPOINTMENT  
FOR MINOR EYELID SURGERY**

**Prior to Eyelid Surgery**

- 1) Please check with your GP and if possible refrain for 2 weeks from taking any tablets that thin the blood (such as aspirin, nurofen, diclofenac, other NSAIDs, prior to surgery). Please inform me if you cannot refrain from taking them.
- 2) Please remove any contact lenses and make-up on the day of your operation.
- 3) Please make arrangements so that you are able to return home without driving yourself.

**Procedure for Minor Eyelid Surgery**

- 1) The eyelid will be examined and marked.
- 2) Your consent to operate will be taken. The risks of eyelid surgery include bruising, swelling, recurrence of the lesion or residual lesion. There is a very small risk of loss of vision.
- 3) You will be asked to lie down on the operating couch.
- 4) Anaesthetic drops will be instilled into the eye.
- 5) The eyelid will be cleaned.
- 6) A small amount of local anaesthetic will be injected under the skin. This is similar to a gum injection given by a dentist. It is accompanied by a burning and stinging sensation which lasts approximately 10 seconds.
- 7) The cyst will be removed. This may involve placing a small clamp on the eyelid which will feel tight.
- 8) Some ointment will be applied.
- 9) The eyelid will be padded tightly shut to minimise swelling.
- 10) The pad may be removed after 4 hours.

**Following Eyelid Surgery**

- 1) Please DO NOT drive home.
- 2) Simple analgesia such as paracetamol (if you have no predisposed allergy) should be taken twice a day for 2 days.
- 3) Cold packs (such as frozen peas fridge cold NOT freezer cold) should be placed over the eye area for 48 hours. Please sleep sitting up to help reduce the swelling.
- 4) The area should be massaged with hot compresses from 48 hours to 2 weeks after surgery.
- 5) Please arrange an appointment for 1- 2 weeks following surgery.
- 6) You will be bruised for approximately 1 week after surgery but in most cases you may return to work to a clean environment after 1 day.