BUNBURY & BUSSELTON EYE SPECIALISTS

PATIENT INFO AND ADVICE

What is lower eyelid entropion?

Entropion in an **in** turning lower eyelid.

There can be various causes but the most common is aging of the periocular tissue (involutional). This condition causes the eyelid lashes to rub on the front surface of the eye (cornea) which is uncomfortable.

Are you a candidate for surgery?

Lower eyelid entropion is likely to lead to complications if untreated. It causes discomfort and can cause corneal abrasion which can become infected. The only long term solution is surgical correction of the entropion.

What are the risks and side effects of entropion surgery?

Complications

- Bruising - this will always occur in varying degrees.
- Local swelling, which is temporary.
- recurrence of the entropion

What happens during entropion surgery?

The surgery is performed under local anaesthesia, as a day case with sedation

- marking the skin with incision lines
- Local anaesthetic drops are placed on the eye
- local anaesthetic is given into the upper eyelid to numb the area. This can be given with sedation.

What happens after entropion surgery?

- The eyes may be padded for the first 1 to 2 hours to reduce bruising and swelling.
- The eyelid will usually appear swollen for a few days after surgery. Ice packs are recommended, and sitting upright and sleeping with four pillows will help reduce excess swelling around the eyelids.
- Entropion correction is not a very painful operation, but you may take Paracetamol, if needed, but should avoid Aspirin based painkillers which can cause increased bruising.
- Most forms of light exercise and a normal work pattern may be resumed within a few days of surgery
- Stitches will be removed at between 4 and 7 days post operatively
- Make-up can be worn from about two weeks after surgery.

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