



## Following An Operation On Your Eye Lid

Following the operation you may need to wear an eye pad.

Remove the pad:

**After.....hours      Tonight.....      Tomorrow morning.....**

When you remove the pad there may be a little oozing or spotting of blood don't worry this is quite normal, you can gently clean the eye with cotton wool and cooled boiled water. Try to keep your eye as dry as possible. Otherwise no restrictions are needed.

### When you get home today

You should rest (i.e. sit quietly in a chair you may read or watch television if it is comfortable for you) when you go to bed you may lie on either side.

Avoid bending forward and lifting.

### Will there be any bruising or swelling?

There may be, this will gradually disappear over the next week to 10 days.

### Will I have any pain?

Possibly, if so take the tablets you would normally take for a headache, but follow the instructions on the packet carefully.

### Will I be given any medication?

You may be, if so follow the instructions given by the doctor.

### What about stitches?

If you have stitches, these will need to be removed on.....

### When can I wear eye make-up?

Not for two weeks after the operation, or until after any stitches have been removed.

### What do I need to look out for?

If you have any excessive bleeding, apply gentle pressure for 20 minutes but if it does not stop please contact us immediately.

If you have a lot of pain, your eyelids become very sticky or swollen, you may have an infection.

### How long does it take for histology results to come back?

If the sample has been sent for laboratory analysis the result may take approximately 6-8 weeks to come back. If the result causes concern in any way your surgeon will contact you. Copies of your result will be sent to your GP practice.

**If you experience any problems please call Eye casualty RCHT 01872 253788**