

## Corneal Abrasions

You have suffered a slight scratch on the surface of your eye. You may experience tearing (your eyes water) and a lot of pain. The cornea is one of the most pain-sensitive tissues in our body. Small scratches usually heal within 24 hours. Deeper or larger scratches may take a little longer.

Fortunately the surface heals very quickly. This should feel much better in 24 hours and should feel completely normal within 3 or 4 days. If your eye does not begin to feel better within a day, or is still uncomfortable after 3 days, or if it starts to feel worse rather than better, you should return to see me. This only happens very rarely, but could indicate an infection.

Optometrist may prescribe some eye drops to use for a few days. If so, please use them exactly as instructed

Eye drops are in order to prevent infection in your eye after an eye injury; you may be prescribed a course of eye drops and ointment containing an antibiotic called chloramphenicol,

although this is not suitable for all patients. Most people will need to take the eye drops four times a day, and use the ointment at night before bed, for seven days.

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f you normally wear contact lenses, you should not do so until your eye injury has completely healed. If you are prescribed antibiotic eye drops, you should not start wearing your contact lenses again until 24 hours after finishing your treatment.

### Remember:

- The pain and discomfort should improve within a day or so.
- If it gets worse:
  - return to see me
  - Out of hours seek advice from your GP or A&E dept. and take this sheet with you

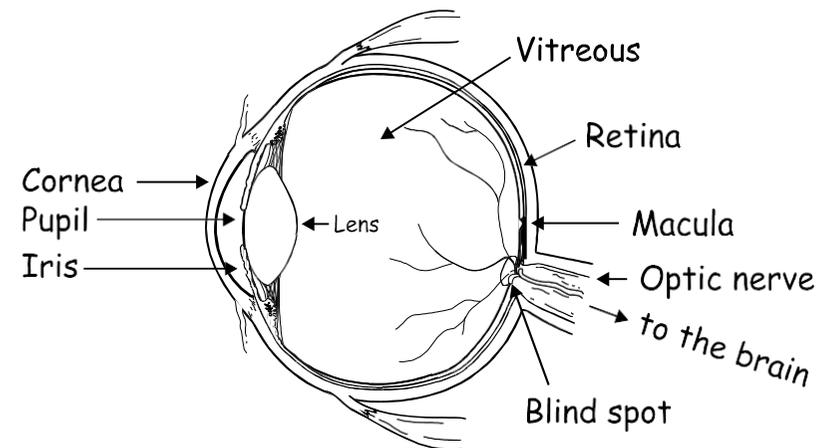


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