

Information for Patients

Following Minor Day Surgery

Following your operation:

- Please do not rub or touch your eye.
- Please leave your dressing in place until _____
- Your face and mouth may feel numb following your anaesthetic. This is normal and will wear off gradually.
- You may feel some discomfort for 2-3 days after your operation. Taking Paracetamol can help relieve this. If you have severe pain, please contact the hospital on the numbers given overleaf.
- Your eyelid and cheek may also be bruised and swollen. This is normal and could last for 2-3 weeks.
- You are advised not to drive with an eye pad in place as your vision will be impaired. This will also invalidate your insurance.

General instructions following your operation:

If there is oozing, wipe your eyelids with clean cotton wool or tissues dipped in cooled boiled water. Use the cotton wool or tissue only once and then throw it away. Always wash your hands thoroughly before and after touching your eye.

Please follow the directions carefully on using your drops/ointment, as they are very important. Keep using your drops/ointment as instructed. Always wash your hands thoroughly before and after using your drops/ointment.

You should contact the hospital on the numbers below if:

- You have excessive pain.
- Your eye becomes very sticky.
- Your eyelid becomes redder, swollen, or itchy after using your drops or ointment.

Day Surgery Centre on **(0161) 276 5603** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.30 am - 7.30 pm and Wednesdays 7.30 am - 4.00 pm.

Outside of these hours Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, you can contact staff at the **Emergency Eye Centre** on **(0161) 276 5599** 8.00 am - 9.00 pm.

If your problem is urgent and the departments above are closed or you are unable to get an answer, please ring Ward 55 on (0161) 276 5512, available 24 hours every day.

If you have been discharged from hospital and have any worries, you can get help from your own GP.

If you are between out-patient appointments and are worried please contact your consultant's secretary Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm via the hospital switchboard on **(0161) 276 1234** asking for your consultants secretary. Have your appointment card with you as this contains your hospital number, which will help the secretary.