

## ENTROPION AND ECTROPION FAQ

It is an outpatient procedure , taking about 20 minutes. A local anesthetic will be used to completely numb the eyelid.

There is minimal pain after, however ,there can be some bruising and swelling. For that reason, it is important to ice the lids while awake for the first day once you leave the hospital. You do not need to ice at night. There are no bandages or patches and you will be able to see after the operation. You can watch TV , read or use the computer but it is important to ice the lids to reduce the swelling.

Most patients only have a mild degree of pain requiring Tylenol for the first day and often need nothing after that. The incision at the corner of the lid will be little tender for a few weeks and you should avoid rubbing it .

You may have some drainage for the first day or so. If the lashes are crusting together , you may use a damp cloth to clean them . You may shower after 24 hours . Do not rub the incisions and Keep your activities light during the first week. For the first two days, you will cannot bend stoop or lift.

It is very important to avoid rubbing the lid or pulling the lid downwards when washing or shaving for the first two weeks after surgery.

Full recovery takes about 10 days. After the first 2 days , you can resume mild activities around the house. People return to work about 8-10 days after surgery.

The stitches will dissolve and you will see Dr Deans 1-2 weeks after the operation.

Please discuss any questions you may have with Dr Deans and our office. Answering your questions is one of the most important things during your consultation and before your operation.

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