Entropion Repair
(Inward Turned Eyelid), Care After Surgery

Please read the instructions below. Refer to these instructions for the next few weeks. These instructions will help you with general information on caring for yourself after surgery. Your caregiver may also give you specific instructions. While your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, unavoidable problems sometimes happen. If you have any problems or questions after you leave, please call your caregiver.

AFTER SURGERY

Some stitches may need to be removed. They may be removed all at once or in steps between 5 and 10 days after surgery. Sometimes stitches that keep the eyelid edges lined up are left for a few days longer than the stitches in the skin of the eyelid.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Eye drops, ointments or pills by mouth may be prescribed. Use as directed.
- Let your caregiver know if your eye becomes more red and swollen with the use of medications. This could be an allergic reaction.
- Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort or fever as directed by your caregiver.
- The material used to cover the wound (*dressing*) should be kept clean and dry until removed or changed. Do as directed by your caregiver.
- Avoid lifting and bending over until you are told otherwise.
- Recovery time is short. You may resume normal activities as directed or allowed.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling or increasing pain in the wound or around the eye or face.
- Pus is coming from the wound.
- The eye itself becomes red and inflamed.
- The eye is sensitive to light.
- An unexplained oral temperature above 102º F (38.9º C) develops.
- There is a breaking open of the wound edges after stitches (*sutures*) have been removed.
- You still feel like you have something in your eye after the surgery.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is any change in vision.
- You develop a rash.
- You have a hard time breathing.
- You develop any reaction or side effects to medications given.

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