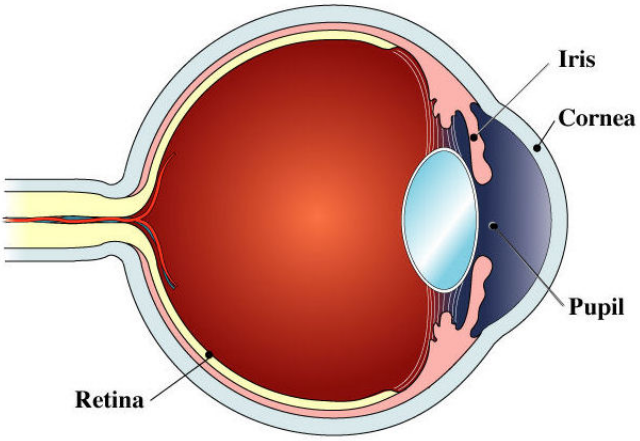
Corneal Abrasion

The cornea is the clear covering at the front and center of the eye. It is a thin tissue made up of layers. The top layer is called the corneal epithelium. This is the most sensitive layer. If this layer is scratched or an injury causes the corneal epithelium to come off, it is called a corneal abrasion.



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- You or your child may be given drops or an ointment (*antibiotics*) that kills germs. Use the medicine as told by your doctor.
- A "pressure patch" may be put over the eye. If this is done, follow your doctor's instructions for when to remove the patch. **Do not drive or use machines while the eye patch is on.** Judging distances is hard to do with a patch on.
- See your doctor for a follow-up exam if you are told to do so.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- The pain is getting worse or is very bad.
- The eye(s) develops a very strong sensitivity to light.
- Any liquid comes out of the injured eye after treatment.
- Your or your child's vision suddenly gets worse.
- You or your child has sudden loss of vision or blindness.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch this condition.
- Will get help right away if you or your child is not doing well or gets worse.

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