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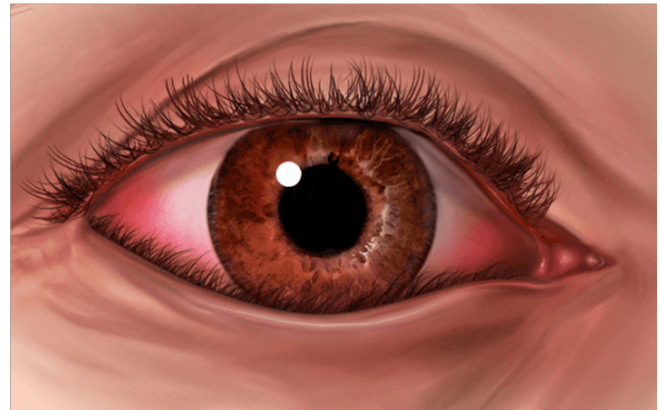


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Ectropion is the sagging of the lower eyelid and lashes that leaves the inside of your eye exposed. It can be caused by the natural aging process, resulting in a lack of tone in the muscle that controls your eyelid.

Entropion is the turning inward of the eyelid, thus causing the eyelashes to rub against the eye resulting in irritation, scratchiness, tearing and redness.

Both entropion and ectropion can be detected during a routine eye examination.

Signs & Symptoms of Ectropion

- Excessive Tearing
- Burning and Irritation
- Sandy, gritty feeling
- Sensitivity to light
- Inability to close eyelids completely

Signs & Symptoms of Entropion

- Foreign Bod Sensation
- Mucus discharge and/or eye lid crusting
- Irritation, Sandy, gritty feeling
- Tearing
- Red irritated eyes

Treatment options

Patients can find temporary relief for entropion by pulling the lower eyelid down with a piece of tape and easing the eye irritation by using artificial tears. Ectropion patients can find relief by lubricating the eye with artificial tears or ointment. The most effective treatment for both entropion and ectropion is surgery in order to correct the problem.