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## Eyelid Surgery - Blepharoplasty

Blepharoplasty, also referred to as an eyelid lift, is a surgical procedure that involves the removal of superfluous skin and/or fat from the upper and/or lower eyelids.

### Potential Risks and Complications

Modern surgery is generally safe but does have the potential for risks and complications to occur.

Some possible complications and risks associated with a eyelid surgery may include:

- Bruising and swelling
- Pain and discomfort
- Removal of too much skin, possibly exposing the cornea to injury
- Asymmetry of the eyelids
- Noticeable scarring of the incisions
- Itchiness, watering or dryness of the eyes
- Drooping of the lower eyelid which will usually recover but occasionally requires further surgery
- Temporary changes in vision. In rare cases, changes in vision may be long lasting or permanent
- In extremely rare cases, eyelid reduction surgery can lead to blindness. Smoking, pre-existing eye disease, straining, lifting and coughing can add to this risk.

**Disclaimer:** The above list is not exhaustive and other risks, complications, or outcomes may occur during or after your surgery. If you wish to discuss the potential risks and complications further, please do so at your patient consultation.

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