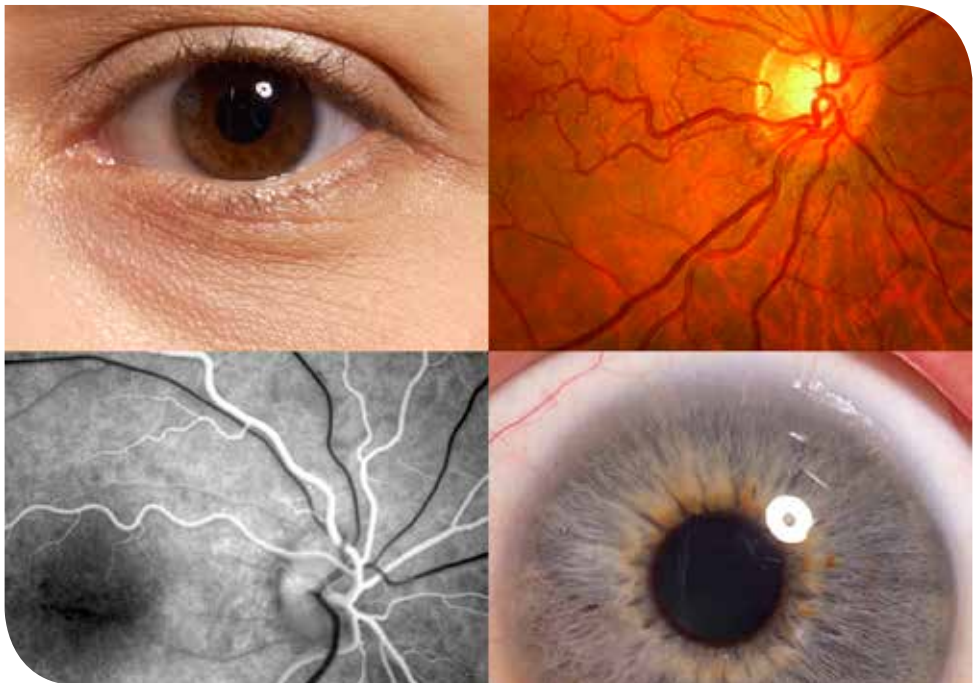


Recurrent Corneal Erosion

Eye Department



Patient information leaflet

What is Recurrent Corneal Erosion?

The front of the eye (cornea) is covered by a thin transparent layer of cells, which are firmly attached to the surface of the eye. Sometimes when the eye becomes dry in the night the cells are removed when the lids are opened.

Why have I got a Recurrent Corneal Erosion?

This can occur following old eye injuries eg. a scratch on the front of the eye (corneal abrasion).

In others the attachment is weaker and the cells are easily torn away causing the problem to recur.

How can it be treated?

The healing process may be helped by using an antibiotic ointment. This will take approximately 1 week to heal.

Is there any alternative treatment?

Lubrication is the only treatment for this condition.

How can Recurrent Erosion be prevented?

By regular use of lubricating ointment at night time to prevent the eyelids from sticking to your eye as the eyelids open on waking.

Key reference source

- **Moorfields Eye Hospital**
Email: info@moorfields.nhs.uk

Contact details

If you are worried or concerned about your symptoms please telephone the Eye Department.

Telephone: 01483 571122 **ext** 6489

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm

PALS and Advocacy contact details

Contact details of independent advocacy services can be provided by our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) who are located on the right hand side as you enter the main reception area. PALS are also your first point of contact for health related issues, questions or concerns surrounding RSCH patient services.

Telephone: 01483 402757

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Opening hours: 9.00am–3.00pm, Monday to Friday

If you would like information documents in large print, on tape or in another language or form please contact PALS.

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