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ENTROPION

Entropion is a condition in which the eyelid turns inward, rubbing against the eye. Symptoms include redness of the eye, irritation, a scratching sensation, excessive tearing, and light sensitivity. If not corrected, it can lead to corneal damage and loss of vision.

This condition can result from aging with laxity of certain eyelid muscles and tissues such as tendons that hold the eyelid in a normal position. It can also result from trauma or from previous surgeries.

Surgical correction of entropion involves a commonly performed outpatient surgery under local anesthesia, with or without I.V. sedation, to tighten the lax tissues. Sometimes simple sutures can be used, depending upon the type of entropion you have.