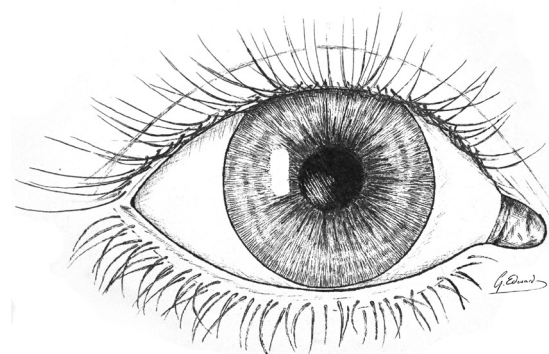


# Rust Removal

## Ophthalmology



## Introduction

This leaflet is intended for patients who have had a metal foreign body removed from the clear surface of the eye (cornea).

## Why do I need rust removal?

A small piece of metal has been removed from the clear surface of your eye (cornea), leaving behind a ring of rust which must be removed.

## What do I need to do now?

You will need to put the prescribed antibiotic eye ointment, into the eye, six times a day for the first week, then four times a day thereafter.

## Why do I need to do this?

The ointment will soften the rust, so that it can be easily removed at your next appointment, and it may help prevent infection.

## Do I need to take any precautions during this time?

The ointment is an oily substance which may cause blurring of vision. Therefore, you need to wait until your vision clears before driving, operating machinery etc.

The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.

- Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111
- Keep the environment clean and tidy
- Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.

## What happens if I do not have the rust removed?

There can be serious consequences if this is not removed, the eye may develop other problems. If you have any queries about this please discuss it with a member of staff.

## What shall I do if I have any problems with my treatment?

If you have any problems putting your ointment in, please contact the department straight away.

## What should I do if I need advice or information?

Staff in Ophthalmology are here to help and are contactable as follows:

### **Eye Referral Unit**

01902 695805

Monday to Friday 08:00 until 17:00 hrs

Weekends 08:00 until 15:00 hrs

### **Mary Jones Ward**

01902 695801

Monday to Friday 07:00 until 17:30 hrs

### **Outpatients Department**

01902 695831

Monday to Friday 08:30 until 16:30 hrs

Alternatively outside these hours please attend the main Emergency Department or contact NHS Direct on telephone number: 111

## References

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## English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

## Lithuanian

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Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

## Polish

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Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

## Punjabi

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## Romanian

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## Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。