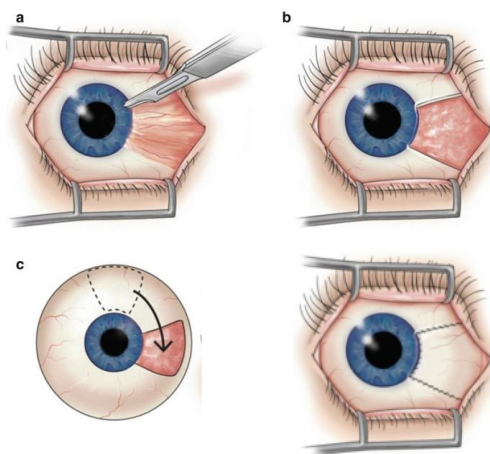


Pterygium Surgery



Pterygium surgery involves removal of the abnormal tissue from the sclera and cornea of the eye. A pterygium is a fleshy overgrowth of the conjunctiva, which is the thin clear membrane on the surface of the eye. Pterygia occur more often in people who spend time outdoors with frequent or excess exposure to sunlight or wind.

About one in every 100 Australians develops a pterygium.

In most cases, a pterygium grows from the inner corner of the eye (nearest the nose). It may sometimes grow from the outer corner or on both sides of the eye at the same time.

Related Complications

Intraoperative

Complications, though uncommon, are as follows:

1. Recurrence
2. Graft dehiscence
3. Transient double vision
4. Change in focus
5. Corneal Scarring

Post operative Care

Following surgery, you may have soreness and irritation in your eye for a few days for which antibiotic and steroid combination eye drops may be recommended. You may also have redness of the eye which usually resolves over time.

Informed Consent:

I have read and understood the information detailed above. I consent to having Dr Sonia Moorthy perform Pterygium surgery on my ☐ RIGHT ☐ LEFT ☐ BOTH eyes (circle as appropriate).

Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____