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## ENTROPION

Entropion is a condition in which the eyelid is rolled inward toward the eye. It can occur as a result of advancing age and weakening of certain eyelid muscles. Entropion may also occur as a result of trauma, scarring, or previous surgeries.

A turned-in eyelid rubs against the eye, making it red, irritated, painful, and sensitive to light and wind. If it is not treated the condition can lead to excessive tearing, mucous discharge and scratching or scarring of the cornea. If entropion exists, it is important to have a surgeon repair the condition before permanent damage to the eye occurs.

### **Surgical Repairs**

There are a number of surgical techniques for successfully treating entropion. The most common surgical treatment involves tightening of the eyelid and its attachments to restore the lid to its normal position. The surgery to repair entropion is usually performed as an outpatient procedure under local anesthesia. Patients recover quickly using an antibiotic ointment for about one week after surgery. Most patients experience immediate resolution of the problem following surgery.

### **Non-Incisional Repair**

A non-incisional entropion repair uses sutures and is performed as an in-office procedure under local anesthesia. This procedure requires several strategically placed sutures which evert the eyelid. The Iiff procedure is an excellent treatment for patients, and may eliminate the need for a more invasive procedure.