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CORNEAL FOREIGN BODY

A corneal foreign body happens when something gets stuck on your cornea. The cornea is the clear outer covering of your eye. A foreign body may scratch the cornea and causes symptoms. A corneal foreign body is a serious problem that needs treatment to prevent eye damage. Anything that gets stuck in your eye may cause a corneal foreign body. Tiny pieces of metal, wood, or sand are the most common causes. A feeling that something is in your eye is often the only symptom. Other signs and symptoms may include a painful red eye, tearing, and blurred vision. Treatment includes washing the eye to try to remove the corneal foreign body. If eye washing does not work, instruments may be needed to remove the foreign body. You may need an eye patch on your eye to help it heal.

RISKS

A corneal foreign body left untreated may make your symptoms worse. Rust rings or stains may form on your cornea and could affect your vision. If it is not removed, the foreign body may cause an infection or eye damage. Ask your caregiver if you have questions about your condition and its treatment.

WHILE YOU ARE HERE

Informed consent: You have the right to understand your health condition in words that you know. You should be told what tests, treatments, or procedures may be done to treat your condition. Your doctor should also tell you about the risks and benefits of each treatment. You may be asked to sign a consent form that gives caregivers permission to do certain tests, treatments, or procedures. If you are unable to give your consent, someone who has permission can sign this form for you. A consent form is a legal piece of paper that tells exactly what will be done to you. Before giving your consent, make sure all your questions have been answered so that you understand what may happen.

Medicine: *Eye drops* may be used to dilate (open) the pupil and decrease pain. The pupil is the part of the eye where light passes. *Antibiotics* may be given to help treat or prevent an infection caused by germs called bacteria.

Tests: *Computerized tomography scan:* This test is also called a CT or CAT scan. A special xray machine uses a computer to take pictures of your eyes.

Slitlamp test: This test uses a microscope so caregivers can look into your eye. A fluorescein paper strip may be used to help caregivers clearly see a corneal scratch.

TREATMENT

Instruments may be used to remove the foreign body if irrigation does not work. Numbing medicine will be put on your eye before caregivers use instruments. A semipressure patch may be placed over the eye for 24 hours.



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Consent To Foreign Body Removal

Date: _____

I _____ authorize the Optometrist to perform the removal of **Corneal Foreign Body/Conjunctival Foreign Body** of the **LEFT/ RIGHT** eye.

The nature and purpose, the procedure and the potential risks involved have been explained to me. These include, but are not limited to eye infection, bleeding, loss of vision, loss of eye, failure to achieve desired result, and the need for further surgery.

Optometrist _____, O.D.

(The optometrist whose signature appears above has explained the procedure to the patient)

Signed: _____

(Patient / Person authorized to sign)