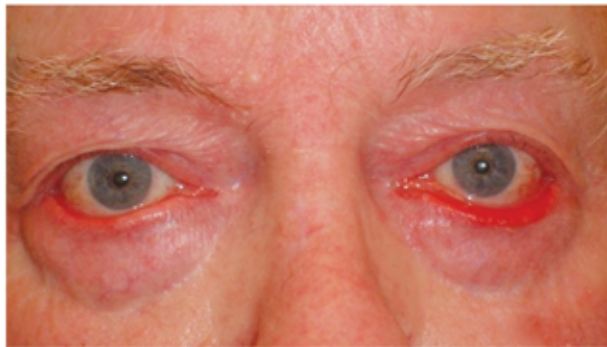


Improper Eyelid Position

Ectropion is the term used to describe an eyelid margin that turns outward. This abnormal lid position can be the cause of many eye problems, but as it relates to tearing the main concern is that it disrupts the position of the opening of the tear drain prevents tears from properly entering the drain. Ectropion may be congenital, but more often it is the result of increased eyelid laxity or loosening of the tendon on the outer corner of the eyelid. It is usually associated with age, and medical conditions such as sleep apnea or chronic allergies that result in increased eye rubbing. Repair of an ectropion is easily accomplished through a simple surgical procedure performed at an outpatient surgery center.



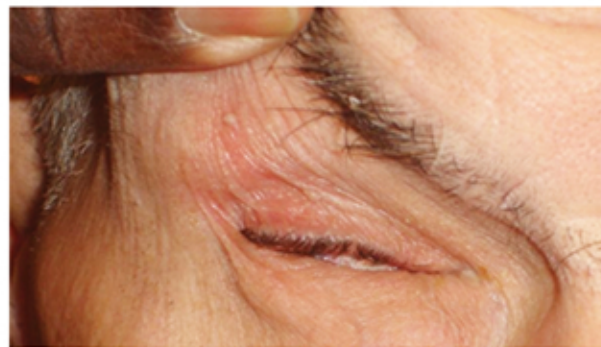
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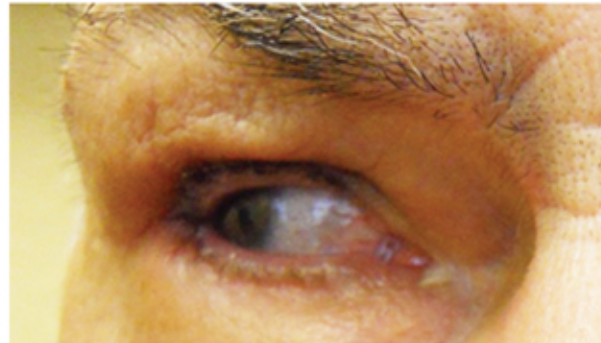
Lower Eyelid Ectropion Post-Operation

Entropion is the term used to describe an eyelid margin that turns inward. The result of the abnormal inward position of the eyelid is that the eyelashes rub against the eye and cause increased irritation and subsequent tearing. Similar to ectropion the cause of entropion may be congenital or age related laxity of the lid. Surgical correction of entropion is medically necessary due to the increased risk for eye damage due to the eyelash irritation.

Our practice takes great pride in providing professional and clinically exceptional medical care to our patients. If this article left you with further questions or inspired you to explore some of the medical or cosmetic procedures presented, we encourage you to call us for a consultation at (239) 947-4042.



Lower Eyelid Entropion Pre-Operation



Lower Eyelid Entropion Post-Operation

(Tear Duct) Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction

When a tear duct obstruction exists, tears will enter the opening and then but are unable to pass into the nose because of the blockage. They reflux back into the eye causing increased tearing. As the tears sit in the drain without an exit point, they can collect bacteria and may cause infection, resulting in increased redness, swelling, and drainage from the inner corner of the eye. The cause of a tear duct obstruction many times cannot be found or may simply result in patients with a naturally small duct and thin nose. In addition it may be congenital or acquired as a result of prior nose/sinus surgery, history of radiation therapy to the face, certain types of chemotherapy, and other forms of trauma resulting in damage to the duct. Historically, the surgery to correct this condition termed a Dacryocystorhinostomy or DCR, required an external incision on the side of the nose leaving a scar. While some surgeons still use this technique, our office is able to offer the procedure using an internal approach...the result no visible scar, less operative time, decreased risk, and a greater success rate. This procedure bypasses the obstructed drain and creates a new drain opening.

These are a few of the the many causes of tearing. There are many more conditions that can contribute to excessive tearing. In order to determine the exact cause and receive the proper treatment all you need is a simple ophthalmic examination.

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