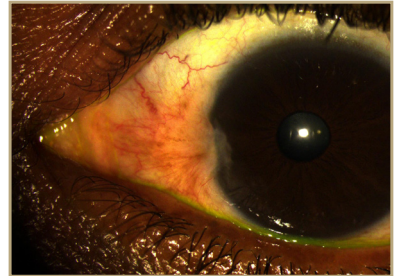


PTERYGIUM

What is a pterygium?

A pterygium is a fleshy growth on the inside surface of the eye caused by exposure to sunlight, heat, wind and dust. It can affect the eyesight if it becomes large and scars.



How is it treated?

Drops from your doctor can ease the discomfort and redness. However, surgical removal is the only way to heal it.

What does the operation involve?

- The surgery is performed under general anaesthetic as a day patient. It is safe, effective and easy to tolerate.
- The eye can be painful and feel irritated after the surgery. Pain tablets are provided.
- An eye-pad is worn for 5 days after surgery.
- The stitches on the eye will be removed after 5 days.
- The eye will be mildly red for 2-3 weeks after surgery. Eyedrops will be given during this period.

Please note that these are general guidelines. If in doubt, consult your ophthalmologist.