# Eyelid Surgery & Periorbital Rejuvenation

Eyelid surgery, also known as blepharoplasty, is a surgical procedure performed to remove or reposition excess skin, muscle, or fat from the upper eyelids and aims to reduce under-eye bags, perceived puffiness, and skin laxity from the lower eyelids. Both procedures are often performed together as part of periorbital (or peri-orbital) rejuvenation. This procedure is commonly undertaken to address concerns such as lowered eyelid position, hooded upper lids, or a heavy appearance that can affect vision. It may be performed for functional or cosmetic reasons, depending on the patient's symptoms and goals

## Potential Risks and Complications

Modern surgery is generally safe but does have the potential for risks and complications to occur.

*Some general risks and complications of surgery may include:*

- Bruising and swelling
- Dry or irritated eyes
- Temporary blurred vision/light sensitivity
- Discomfort, numbness, or tightness
- Scarring
- Difficulty closing the eyelids (lagophthalmos)
- Lid malposition which may require corrective procedures
- Asymmetry

*Specific risks and complications associated with eyelid surgery include:*

- Bruising and swelling
- Pain and discomfort
- Removal of too much skin, possibly exposing the cornea to injury
- Asymmetry of the eyelids
- Noticeable scarring of the incisions
- Itchiness, watering or dryness of the eyes
- Drooping of the lower eyelid which will usually recover but occasionally requires further surgery
- Temporary changes in vision. In rare cases, changes in vision may be long lasting or permanent
- In extremely rare cases, eyelid reduction surgery can lead to blindness. Smoking, pre-existing eye disease, straining, lifting and coughing can add to this risk.

*Specific risks and complications associated with periorbital rejuvenation include:*

- Vascular compromise (blockage) which can result in skin necrosis or, very rarely, blindness if the filler blocks retinal vessels
- Vision loss/ocular pain/flashes may be due to vascular occlusion or nerve damage
- Long-term lumps, nodules, or granuloma
- Scarring or pigmentation changes

*Disclaimer: The above list is not exhaustive and other risks, complications, or outcomes may occur during or after your surgery. If you wish to discuss the potential risks and complications further, please do so at your patient consultation.*

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