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Patient information leaflet

Eyelid and Periocular Tumours

Lumps and bumps of the eyelids and periocular area may be benign or malignant, and a biopsy may be required to definitively exclude a cancerous tumour.

Eyelid lesions are often excised under local anaesthetic and biopsied tissue is sent to histopathology for analysis.

On receipt of the biopsy report, further tissue may be removed if needed followed by reconstruction of the tissue defect. This may be done under local anaesthetic with or without sedation, and in some cases, with general anaesthetic. The reconstructive techniques used depend on the extent, depth and location of the tissue loss. The wound may be left to heal (in the case of small lesions, for example), directly closed with sutures, or repaired with a skin flap or graft. Miss Mellington will advise you more on this and individually tailor each repair to optimise the cosmetic and functional outcome of your surgery.