

Corneal abrasion

In the Emergency Department or Urgent Care Centre, you were diagnosed with a corneal abrasion. This is a scratch on the clear front surface of the eye. It can take up to 5 days for the scratch to heal.

To make sure your scratch heals well:

- ✓ Do not rub your eye.
- ✓ Do not wear contact lenses while your eye is healing or while you are using antibiotic eye drops.
- ✓ If you are given eye cream or drops, take them as your doctor has prescribed. Your sight could be unclear for minutes after using them and they may sting a bit.

To help manage your pain, you can use Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or Ibuprofen (Advil® or Motrin®).

When should I get medical help?
Call your health care provider if you have any of these problems:
☐ your eye becomes more painful after 1 to 2 days
☐ discharge or pus is draining from your eye
☐ changes in your vision or your eyes become more sensitive to light
If you have any questions or concerns, please call your health care provider.
☐ You need to have your eye rechecked on
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