

**Patient
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Eyelid surgery

Introduction

You have been given this leaflet because your name has been placed on the waiting list for an operation on your eyelid and we want you to know what to expect.

Eyelid surgery is usually carried out under local anaesthetic as a day case.

If you have asked for sedation to relax you during the operation, you will be given special instructions about eating and drinking before the procedure.

Day of the operation

On the day of the operation, you will be asked to come to Eyford Unit at Cheltenham General Hospital, which is on the 2nd floor of East Block.

It is very likely that you will have a pad over your eye after surgery, so you must arrange for a friend or relative to transport you to and from the hospital.

Please let the person bringing you in know that you may be in the unit for 4 to 6 hours.

We like to take a contact telephone number for the person who will be picking you up so that a nurse can call them when you are ready to be collected from the unit. There is no waiting area on the ward for relatives.

Please make sure you have pain relief, such as paracetamol, at home as you may need to take this as the local anaesthetic wears off.

If you are taking any anticoagulants such as warfarin, please contact the Eyford Unit for advice. The telephone number is at the end of this leaflet.

Please note that photographs or videos are usually taken of your eyelids before and after surgery. We will ask for your consent for this.

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Contact information

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Cheltenham General Hospital

Tel: 0300 422 4002

Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Further information

If you cannot come into hospital on the surgery date sent to you, please let the Admissions Office know immediately.

Admissions Office

Tel: 0300 422 4001

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