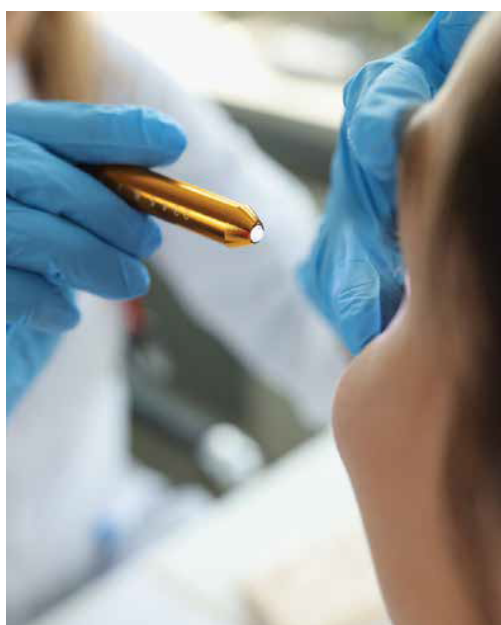
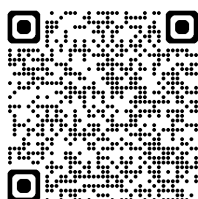


Corneal Abrasion



Information For People Attending Our Urgent Care Facilities

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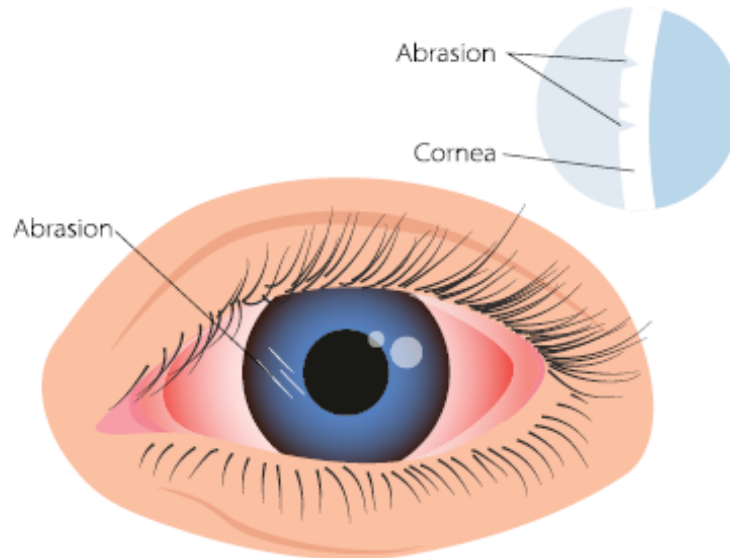


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What is a corneal abrasion?

The cornea is commonly known as the window of the eye and covers the coloured part of the eye. An abrasion is a scratch of the cornea. Unlike a scratch on the skin, it is usually very painful.

CORNEAL ABRASION



What treatment will I need?

The treatment that you will be given is aimed at ensuring that the abrasion heals as quickly as possible and that it does not become infected.

Initially, some antibiotic ointment will be instilled and in some cases eye drops dilate your pupil, this will cause the vision to be blurred temporarily.

A firm eye pad may be applied in certain cases, depending on the severity of the situation.

Remember

When wearing the eye pad your eye should always remain closed. You will also be advised not to drive or to use machinery as your judgement of distances will be affected.

How long does the abrasion take to heal?

If the treatment is followed correctly, healing will take place within 24– 36 hours and discomfort will subside as the cornea heals.

If you experience any lasting discomfort in the eye in future, you should return to Minor Injuries Department for further assessment or see your GP.

Recurrent abrasions

A small number of people do not heal properly after an abrasion and can wake up in the morning with a painful eye.

In most cases the pain goes quickly but if the pain persists, we advise you to come back for further treatment.

Minor Injury Units

Our minor injury and urgent treatment centres support the local community with urgent minor injuries and/or illnesses. They are led by our specialist emergency nurse practitioners, who are fully trained in both adult and paediatric care.

They are walk-in centres so you don't need an appointment or a referral – you can just arrive at the centre during opening hours. These centres are not appropriate for life-threatening injuries or serious illnesses.

Contact us

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South Bristol Urgent Treatment Centre

Minor injuries and illnesses
Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week
South Bristol NHS Community Hospital
Hengrove Promenade
Hengrove, Bristol BS14 0DE
T: 0300 124 6260

Yate Minor Injury Unit

Minor injuries only
Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week
Yate West Gate Centre
21 West Walk, Yate BS37 4AX
T: 0300 125 6800

Clevedon Minor Injury Unit

Minor injuries only
Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week
North Somerset Community Hospital, Old Street,
Clevedon BS21 6BS
T: 01275 546852

Call 111 if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. For less urgent health needs, contact your GP or local pharmacist in the usual way.

We want you and the people who help you to understand what we send. If you need help with this letter or leaflet, please tell us.

We can help with larger print, audio (a message to listen to), Easy read, British Sign Language or this information in another language.



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