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## Ectropion

Ectropion is an outward turning of the lower eyelid, most commonly caused by aging, although eyelid burns or skin disease may also be responsible.

Normally, the eyelids help lubricate and cleanse the eye during blinking. An eyelid that is drooping and has lost contact with the eye can cause dry eyes, excessive tearing, redness, and sensitivity to light and wind.

Surgery can be performed to tighten the eyelid and return it to its normal position. The eyelid can then protect and lubricate the eye properly, so that irritation and other symptoms subside.

Eyelid surgery to repair ectropion is usually performed on an outpatient basis and under **monitored anesthesia care (MAC)**. Following surgery, your ophthalmologist (Eye M.D.) may prescribe antibiotic ointment and will instruct you to avoid heavy bending, lifting, and straining for seven days.