

Patient Information - Corneal Abrasions and Foreign Bodies

Ophthalmology Department

A corneal abrasion is a scratch to the clear transparent part of the eye that lies over the pupil and iris (the coloured part of the eye). The scratch may be caused by being poked in the eye by something, or by a small fragment of material going into the eye and becoming embedded in the cornea (a foreign body).

If you had a foreign body, it will have been removed by the doctor and you will be left with the scratch it caused; this should heal quickly.

Your eye will feel sore and may be bloodshot and sensitive to light.

Your vision may also be a little blurred; you may also have the sensation of having something in the eye.

You may be treated with an antibiotic and eye patch. You should wear the patch for 24 hours.

The scratch normally heals quickly without ill effect.

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