

**Advice for the care of your eye following
CORNEAL GRAFT SURGERY**

It is normal for your eye to be slightly red, light sensitive, and for there to be an intermittent scratchy sensation immediately following the surgery. This should improve over the first several weeks. If your eye becomes more red and inflamed, especially in the first week to 10 days following the surgery, it is important for you to contact me via my rooms on 9654 3500 during office hours or after hours on 0419 889 251 or 9531 8180. The vision is typically quite blurred for at least the first several weeks to a month or two following the surgery.

You can:

- drive after a few weeks if your vision has improved and you feel confident and comfortable with driving.
- bend over to pick up objects, play mild sports, go for a jog, play golf or play tennis after the first 2 weeks.
- have a shower and wash your hair the 2 days after the surgery.

Do not:

- go for a swim in a pool, river or the sea for at least 1 month following the surgery.
- dirty the top of the drops. It is best to wash your hands prior to using the drops to ensure they stay clean.

You will be using some steroid drops (Pred. Forte or Flarex) for at least a year following the surgery and it is very important not to stop these drops earlier. They help prevent rejection of the cornea.

Do not allow yourself to run out of these drops.

You can always call and I can post out a prescription. If you run out of drops on the weekend you can go to the pharmacy, explain you have a corneal graft and need some drops straight away, I can forward them a script directly on the Monday.