

Specific Risks of Eyelid Tuck or Blepharoplasty

Every surgical procedure involves a certain amount of risk and it is important that you understand these risks and the possible complications associated with them. In addition, every procedure has limitations. An individual's choice to undergo a surgical procedure is based on the comparison of the risk to potential benefit. Although most patients do not experience these complications, you should discuss them with your plastic surgeon at The Aesthetic Center by Kaiser Permanente to make sure you understand all possible risks of eyelid tuck surgery.

Blindness

Blindness is extremely rare after blepharoplasty. However, it can be caused by internal bleeding around the eye during or after surgery. The occurrence of this is not predictable.

Dry Eye Problems

Permanent disorders involving decreased tear production can occur after blepharoplasty. The occurrence of this is rare and not entirely predictable. Individuals who normally have dry eyes may be advised to use special caution in considering blepharoplasty surgery.

Ectropion

Displacement of the lower eyelid away from the eyeball is a rare complication which can occur during lower lid surgery. Further surgery may be required to correct this condition.

Corneal Exposure Problems

Some patients experience difficulties closing their eyelids after surgery and problems may occur in the cornea due to dryness. Should this rare complication occur, additional treatments or surgery and treatment may be necessary.

Eyelash Hair Loss

Hair loss may occur in the lower eyelash area where the skin was elevated during surgery. The occurrence of this is not predictable. Hair loss may be temporary or permanent.

Asymmetry

Differences in the appearance of the eyes, the amount of eye opening, the shape of the eye, position of the lid crease, or the apparent size of the eyes may be noted after surgery. There are always mild differences in the size of the eyes, the bones of the eye socket, and skin around the eyes. This may be more noticeable after blepharoplasty. Further surgery may be needed, and in some cases the differences may not be correctable.