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EYE CHANGES THAT CAN OCCUR DUE TO TREATMENT OF CANCER

CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR IN OR AROUND THE EYES:

Decreased tear production, with dryness or burning or gritty sensation in the eye.

Redness, soreness, swelling, matting or crusting of eyelid.

Redness of "whites" of eyes, burning, with yellow discharge that crusts in morning.

Abnormal eyelash growth.

CARE FOR DRY EYES DUE TO DECREASED TEAR PRODUCTION:

Apply supplemental tears (such as Systane or Refresh Tears lubricant drops) 4 to 6 times per day.

Anti-inflammatory eye drops may be prescribed for you.

You may also be referred to an ophthalmologist (eye doctor).

CARE FOR RED, SORE, CRUSTED EYELIDS:

Apply warm compresses for 5 minutes twice per day.

Antibiotic and/or steroid ointment or eye drops may be prescribed for you.

You may also be referred to an ophthalmologist (eye doctor).

CARE FOR EYELASHES:

If eyelashes are growing inward and irritating the eye, you need evaluation by the ophthalmologist.

WHEN TO CALL:

Please call if you are concerned - on any day -at any time- about any issue!

Please call EARLY if you are not well, so that office visit may be scheduled if needed.

Temperature above 100.4°.

You have eye pain.

You have loss of vision.

You have severe eye redness or sensitivity to light.

Your eyelashes are turning inward into your eye.

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