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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.