

Corneal Ulcer

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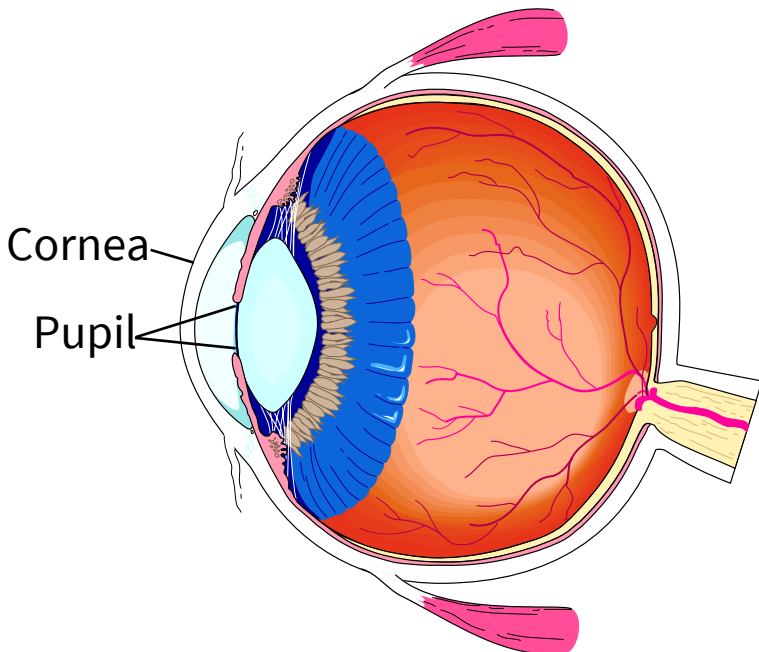
Next, go to the Eye Care Centre in the Centennial Building, 2A.

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What is a corneal ulcer?

The cornea is the clear front part of the eye. A corneal ulcer is a breakdown in the surface of the cornea. A corneal ulcer may get infected. You may need treatment to heal the ulcer and prevent further damage to your sight.

Your eye doctor may take swabs from your eye. This will help them decide which medication will work best if you have an infection.



How is a corneal ulcer treated?

Eye drops

You will get a prescription for antibiotic eye drops to help the eye to heal. You may also get a prescription for other drops. You will need to place the drops in your eye as told by your eye doctor.

Controlling discomfort

You may have some discomfort. Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) is usually recommended.

Followup

Your eye must be checked often. It is important that you keep all of your appointments. **If you do not follow your treatment and keep your followup appointments, you may have further vision loss or even blindness.**

What are your questions?

Please ask. We are here to help you.

Tell your eye doctor if you notice a significant and/or sudden change in your vision or have more pain.

If you are not able to contact your eye doctor, call locating at the VG site (902-473-2222) and ask them to page the ophthalmology resident on call, or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

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