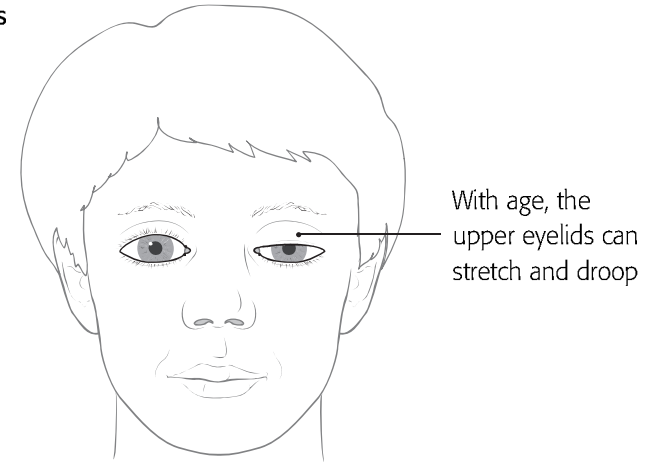


## Upper lid ptosis in adults

- Upper lid ptosis means that your upper eyelid is drooping. This usually happens as you get older and your eyelid stretches. It may not look very nice and, in severe cases, it can affect your sight because the eyelid covers the pupil.
- Upper lid ptosis is treated by strengthening the muscle that opens your upper eyelid. This can be done as a day-case procedure under local anaesthesia.
- If you are taking aspirin, you should stop 2 weeks before eyelid surgery to prevent excessive bleeding during the procedure. The aspirin can be restarted the day after the operation.
- A small cut is made in the fold of skin above the edge of your upper eyelid. The muscle that lifts the eyelid is shortened to strengthen it. You may be asked to sit up briefly during the operation, so that the position of the eyelid under gravity can be checked.
- When your eyelid is in a good position, the skin cut is closed with small, usually dissolvable, stitches.
- Any discomfort following surgery is usually mild.

Upper lid ptosis



Upper eyelid tightening

