

# Ophthalmology



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**Q:** Is it general procedure to leave nylon sutures in the eye for 21 months after a Trabeculectomy? I experienced several eye infections and severe eye inflammation in the interim.

**A:** Trabeculectomy is a glaucoma surgery that lowers the pressure inside the eye. A flap is created on the surface of the eyeball that allows fluid to drain, and therefore control the eye pressure. Nylon sutures are used to close this flap at the time of surgery. At some time after surgery these sutures may need to be cut to allow more fluid to escape and the pressure in the eye to become lower. This is often done with a laser to cut the suture and then leaving the sutures in place. The body has very little reaction to the suture which is why it can be cut and left in place.

Trabeculectomy is a significant eye surgery with associated risks and complications. Inflammation is present to some extent after any eye surgery. Infections can occur after any eye surgery and need to be treated by your surgeon.

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