

## Stye

The eye is surrounded by small oil-producing glands that help lubricate the eye. Occasionally, a gland becomes plugged and hard, forming a chalazion, and at other times the gland becomes infected, in which case the resulting abscess is called a stye.

A stye can cause the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Redness
- Excess tearing
- Blurred vision
- Granular sensation in the eye
- Oozing pus, which can spread to other areas around the eyes

Luckily, most styes stay small and are just a minor annoyance. They can be treated at home with warm compresses applied directly to the eye several times a day. They often resolve on their own within a few days. Styes that become more infected can be treated with antibiotics. Only in the very worst cases is surgical intervention needed to drain and/or remove the stye. This can be done in the doctor's office.