

Patient Info-pack



Eyes For All

Eyes For All make restorative prosthetic eyes to help rehabilitate those who have lost an eye due to disease or trauma.

Nelly and Francesca from Eyes For All have over 14 years of combined experience. Every prosthesis is custom made to ensure the best fit, comfort and health for their patients.



WHAT IS A CUSTOMISED ARTIFICIAL EYE

An ocular prosthesis is a handmade artificial eye to replace a surgically removed eye or to cover a malformed eye. Because every socket is unique and different, the prostheses are custom made to fit each patient. This is important not only for the patient's comfort but to encourage symmetrical growth, eyelid support and bone development.



After the perfect shape has been determined the prosthesis is then hand painted to match the patients fellow eye as closely as possible.

Customised artificial eyes are made from medical grade, biocompatible PMMA acrylic. This material is robust and smooth and allows adjustments to be made over time if need be. With correct maintenance a customised artificial eye can last 10+ years.

Receiving a prosthesis is the first step in the rehabilitation process and restores the patients' identity and hope.

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THE PROCESS

BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT

When an eye becomes diseased or damaged it may be necessary to remove all or some of the contents of the eye. The surgery is done by an ophthalmologist or an oculoplastic surgeon. Following the surgery it is best you are fitted with a conformer which is a small clear plastic shield which protects the socket during healing and holds enough space in the socket for an artificial eye. After the surgery your socket will need to heal for 6-8 weeks before you can be fitted with a prosthesis. If an eye has been damaged for some time you may not require surgery, ask your doctor or Eyes For All for advice on this.



PROSTHESIS FITTING

When the socket has healed it is time for the prosthesis fitting. The whole process can be done in two appointments. In the first appointment Eyes For All will talk to you about your eye history then all of the necessary measurements are taken. This takes approximately 1 hour. Then the prosthesis is made based on your exact measurements which takes 1-2 days. At your second appointment Eyes For All will fit your prosthesis and check the comfort, fit and appearance. This takes approximately 30 minutes.



AFTERCARE

To keep your prosthesis in the best condition it is recommended that you bring your prosthesis for a polish and clean once a year. Eyes For All will assess the fit and appearance of the prosthesis and changes can be made if necessary.

For children who are growing quickly, we may need to see the patient more frequently to increase the size of the prosthesis as the child grows.

It is recommended that all patients wear a pair of eyeglasses to protect the fellow eye.

If the patient is experiencing dry eye symptoms lubricating eye drops can be used to supplement tears.

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