

Squint correction surgery

A squint (strabismus) is a condition where the eyes point in different directions. One eye may turn inwards, outwards, upwards or downwards while the other eye looks forward. This is a common condition amongst children, although it can develop later. Most squints can be corrected with glasses and eye exercises, but if this is not successful you may be recommended squint surgery to move the muscles that control the movement of the eye.

Consultants who provide expert treatment to improve your vision

We work with a team of Consultants that specialise in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions relating to your eyes. If you are experiencing blurred or double vision or a lazy eye, book a consultation to discuss your symptoms with a specialist. Your Consultant will examine your eyes and be able to advise on whether squint correction surgery is needed for one or both eyes. Most squints need to be treated as soon as possible to improve the chances of successful treatment.

Please note, unlike some other services where consultations are available at both of our facilities, you can only book a consultation to discuss squint correction surgery at KIMS Hospital in Maidstone.

Prices & payment

Our enquiries team are happy to provide a price upon request

The guide price is based on the usual clinical needs of patients. For more information, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

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FAQs

Where will my eye surgery take place?

For squint correction surgery, your initial consultation and all surgical procedures take place at KIMS Hospital in Maidstone.

What does squint correction surgery involve?

Surgery to correct a squint commonly takes around 30 to 45 minutes to complete and is carried out in the day surgery unit. Surgery involves moving the muscles attached to the outside of the eye to a new position. It may be necessary to operate on both eyes to balance them, even if the squint is only in one eye.

During the operation, your eye will be kept open using an instrument called a lid speculum. Your Consultant Ophthalmologist will detach one part of the muscle connected to the eye and will either move it backwards to weaken the pulling effect or shorten it to increase the pulling effect. Once the correction has been made, the muscles will be sewn back into place using dissolvable stitches.

Will it hurt?

It can take several weeks to fully recover from corrective eye surgery. After surgery, you may have a sore eye for a few days. The pain can be treated using simple painkillers. Following eye surgery, a pad may be put over the affected eye, which will usually be removed before you are discharged from hospital or the following day.