

Corneal Ulcers

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A corneal ulcer is an infection of the cornea, which is the clear front surface of the eye.

They can be quite painful, cause the eye to water and make the white part of the eye look red due to infection and inflammation. Vision may also be reduced as the infection irritates the inside of the eye.

Most corneal ulcers are caused by bacteria and are treated with antibiotic drops. These may be used very frequently (e.g. every hour) and it is important that you follow the treatment and instructions given to you by the doctor, and that you return for reviews as requested.