



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **1. How Ocular Prosthesis is made?**

A trained ocularist fabricates Custom made prosthesis. It is a complete tailored method where complete eye is prepared taking the contour of the socket using impression trays and injecting impression material. Wax model is prepared to replicate the eye in form of size, shape, lid contours, centre, movements etc. This model is fabricated to create acrylic and later painted to match fellow normal eye. This entire process takes 7-8 hours and may vary from patient to patient. This is unlike stock eyes, where they are produced in mass without conforming to any particular color, size and shape of the socket.

Does this custom made prosthetic eye look real?

Yes, it looks near normal to your fellow eye. Colors are chosen carefully to match the fellow normal eye.

### **2. Will my prosthetic eye move?**

The movement of the prosthetic eye depends upon the movement of the eye (socket) condition. Healthier the socket better is the movement achieved. However, any socket abnormalities leading to irregular movement of socket, reduced movement will be observed. Your ocularist will indicate about the same.

### **3. Will my eyelids blink or close completely over the prosthetic eye?**

The eyelids will move smoothly on the prosthetic eye provided the surface of the prosthesis is smooth and regular. Any socket irregularity can lead to incomplete closure of the eyelids over the prosthetic eye. However, it may also depend on the eyelid abnormality/ socket size and volume.

### **4. Will I have any discomfort /pain during the fabrication or after wearing prosthesis?**

Initially, one may experience a little discomfort, heaviness, or tightness following prosthesis wear. However, this feeling is temporary and reduces over a period of time as one gets accustomed to it.

**5. Will wearing a Prosthetic eye harm my fellow normal eye?**

Wearing a prosthetic eye does not have any side effects to the fellow normal eye.

**6. Can I leave prosthetic eye overnight in the eye?**

The decision of leaving the prosthetic eye in the eye overnight is subjective. If phthisical eye (shrunken eye) is present, he/she may be advised to remove the prosthetic eye frequently.

**7. How do I take care of my prosthetic eye?**

You can clean your prosthesis with the help of mild shampoo (like Baby Shampoo). You may also be provided with GP care solution by your ocularist to clean and store your prosthetic eye. It is wise to undergo professional re-polishing every six months to avoid any deposit formation.

**8. How often do I have to see an Ocularist?**

It is generally recommended that infants under 3 years of age be seen every 1-3 months as per the socket condition. Patients less than 9 years should be seen every 6 months and all other patients at least once a year.

**9. Will I have discharge from my eyes while wearing prosthesis?**

Initially small amount of discharge is likely to be experienced till the socket is acclimatized. However, if there is frequent discharge covering the prosthesis and bothering you cosmetically, refrain from wearing prosthesis and visit your Ocularist to rule out any abnormality on the prosthesis or in the socket.

**10. Will I observe itching while wearing prosthesis?**

Itching with prosthesis in-situ is not generally observed unless there is any underlying allergic reaction. If you ever experience, please visit your optometrist/ocularist to rule out if any.

**11. When should I replace the prosthetic eye?**

Replacement of the prosthetic eye has to be done as and when socket's shape and size alters. This is indicated when there are changes in appearance, prosthesis tend to look small, prosthesis starts rotating, patients tend to have lot of discharge. Usually Ocularists recommends to change the prosthesis after 5 years.