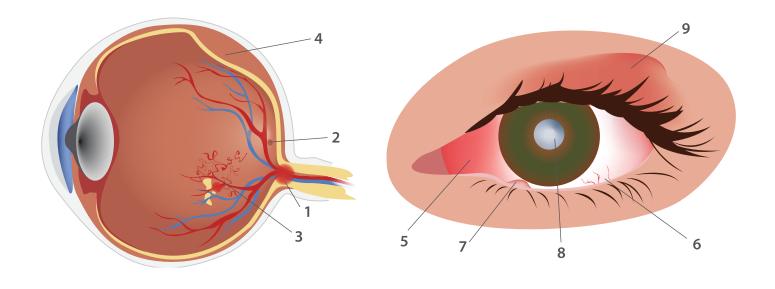
Common Eye Problems

The most common eye conditions include cataracts, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. Your risk of developing these diseases depends on your age, genetics, chronic diseases, and lifestyle.

In addition to these conditions that can develop over time, some conditions can occur at birth. These conditions include near and farsightedness, color blindness, and crossed eyes.

For more information on common eye problems, visit OnHealth's website.



- 1. Glaucoma may cause poor eyesight or blindness. It is a group of diseases characterized by progressive degeneration of your optic nerve, which transfers visual information from your eyes to your brain.
- Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is when the macula shrinks. The macula is the central part of your retina. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is one of the leading causes of blindness in developed countries.
- Diabetic Retinopathy is associated with diabetes and a major cause of visual impairment and blindness. Retinopathy develops when high blood sugar levels damage the blood vessels in your retina.
- 4. Retinal detachment occurs when the retina, tissue in the back of the eye, separates from its underlying structures. Retina detachments are often painless, and symptoms that may be noticed include perception of flashing lights, floaters, or a curtain drawn over your visual field.

- 5. Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) causes redness and inflammation of the clear tissue covering the eye and the inside of the eyelids.
- **6. Eye Allergies** result in irritated, bloodshot, itchy eyes. Allergies can cause chronic inflammation that may permanently damage the cornea.
- 7. Sty (Stye) is an infection of the oil gland at the base of an eyelash. It appears as a red, raised pimple on the edge of the eyelid. Symptoms of a sty are pain, tenderness, redness, and swelling with a small pustule.
- **8.** Cataracts is a condition in which your eyes become clouded. Age-related cataracts is a leading cause of vision impairment and blindness around the world.
- **9.** Chalazion is the inflammation of a small cystic gland in the eyelid. The gland opening becomes clogged and the gland swells.

