

# What can happen to untreated eye conditions?

## CONJUNCTIVITIS

Inflammation and infection of the front surface of the eye.

## GLAUCOMA

High pressure inside the eye damaging the optic nerve.

### If left untreated...



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### Remember:

- Reduced vision can have serious consequences, → increased risk of falls, unable to work/drive, isolation and depression
- Patients may forget about eye drops or be unable to administer them. These patients will require assistance from family and hospital staff.
- Patients with conditions such as glaucoma may not have any signs or symptoms.
- Taking a short history on admission to the ward can identify these conditions. It is important that any eye treatment continues as normal during hospital stay.

For further information, please contact your local eye department