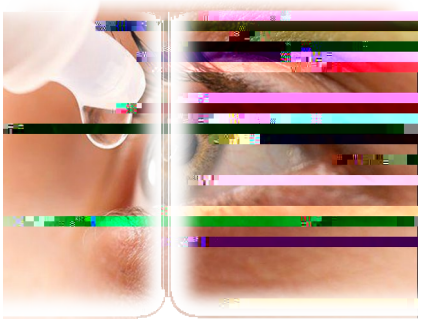
Human Research Recruitment Advertisement

CHANGES IN CORNEAL EPITHELIAL IRREGULARITY FOLLOWING TREATMENT WITH ARTIFICIAL TEARS IN A SYMPTOMATIC DRY EYE POPULATION

Researchers at UNSW are conducting a project to evaluate the effect of two different commercially available eye drops on the outermost layer (epithelium) of the cornea (clear, front surface of the eye) compared to saline, in subjects with dry eye.

Would the research study be a good fit for me?
The study might be a good fit for you if you:

- Are aged 18 years or older with symptoms of dry eye within the past 6 months
- Have not worn contact lenses for 1 month prior to the study and for the duration of the study;
- Are willing to use the study eye drops and refrain from using any other eye drops for the duration of the study
- Willing to refrain from using warm compress treatments for dry eye for the duration of the trial;
- Have not had significant changes to prescription medications or diet implemented within 3 months prior to the first visit nor planned changes for the duration of the trial;
- Are not pregnant or breastfeeding;
- Do not have any known allergy to the study eye drops;
- Have not had any eye surgery.



What would happen if I took part in the research study?
If you decide to take part and are eligible for the study, you will be asked to complete the following:

- Paper-based questionnaires on comfort of your eyes (this will take approx. 5 mins)
- Attend a total of 4 clinic visits over 4 weeks (approx. 1 hour for the first visit and 30mins for the subsequent visits)
- Use the assigned study treatment 4 times per day (each application will take less than 1 min)

Will I be paid to take part in the research study?
You will be reimbursed with a $30 Coles Myer gift card at the end of each study visit to compensate for your time and travel cost associated with attending the visits.

Who do I contact if I want more information or want to take part in the study?
Please contact the following person via email or phone to register your interest in taking part in the research, or if you have any questions about the research:

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