

**Short Communication** 

# Medication for Stye Optic Infection: Causes, Signs, and Consequences

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## DESCRIPTION

Ocular infections, also known as eye infections, are a common condition that can be caused by various bacterial pathogens. Bacteria are microscopic organisms that can enter the eye through different means, such as contaminated contact lenses, unclean hands, or exposure to environmental sources. Once inside the eye, bacteria can multiply and cause a wide range of ocular infections with varying symptoms and severity. In this article, we will explore the different bacterial causes of ocular infections [1-3].

Our eyes are delicate organs that are susceptible to various infections and conditions. One common eye infection that many people experience is a stye, also known as a hordeolum. A stye is a painful lump that forms on the eyelid, usually near the edge of the eyelashes. In this article, we will explore the causes, symptoms, and treatment options for stye eye infections [4-6].

## Causes of stye eye infection

A stye is typically caused by a bacterial infection, usually by the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria. This bacterium is commonly found on the skin and can enter the oil glands or hair follicles on the eyelid, leading to an infection. There are two types of styes.

**External stye:** An external stye develops when the infection occurs at the base of an eyelash. It appears as a red, painful lump on the edge of the eyelid and may be accompanied by swelling and tenderness.

**Internal stye:** An internal stye develops when the infection occurs in one of the oil glands within the eyelid. It appears as a red bump on the inside of the eyelid and may cause discomfort when blinking or rubbing the eye [7,8].

#### Risk factors for stye eye infection

Several factors can increase the risk of developing a stye:

**Poor eyelid hygiene:** Not keeping the eyelids clean, failing to remove eye makeup properly, and using expired or contaminated eye products can increase the risk of bacterial infections, including styes.

**Contact lens use:** Wearing contact lenses for an extended period, sleeping with them on, or not following proper hygiene practices while handling contact lenses can increase the risk of stye formation.

**Blepharitis:** Blepharitis is a condition that causes inflammation of the eyelids, and it can increase the likelihood of developing a stye.

Weakened immune system: Individuals with weakened immune systems, such as those with diabetes or autoimmune diseases, may be more susceptible to stye eye infections [9].

## Symptoms of stye eye infection

Among a stye's most typical symptoms are:

Pain and tenderness: Styes are typically painful and tender to the touch. Moreover, the affected area could feel heated.

**Swelling:** Styes can cause swelling and redness on the eyelid, which may be noticeable as a lump or bump.

**Discomfort:** Styes can cause discomfort or a foreign body sensation in the eye, making it feel like there is something in the eye that needs to be removed.

**Crustiness:** Styes can cause the eyelid to become crusty, especially upon waking up in the morning.

Watery eyes: Styes can cause increased tear production, leading to watery eyes [10].

## Treatment of stye eye infection

Stye eye infections are usually self-limited and can resolve on their own within a week or two. However, there is several treatment options that can help relieve the symptoms and promote healing:

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Warm compresses: Applying a warm compress to the affected eyelid for 10 to 15 minutes several times a day can help reduce pain, swelling, and promote the stye. The warmth can also help to increase blood flow to the area, aiding in the body's natural healing process.

Good eyelid hygiene: Keeping the eyelids clean by gently washing them with mild soap and water, and avoiding eye makeup during the infection can help prevent the spread of bacteria and promote healing.

**Avoid popping or squeezing:** Popping or squeezing a stye can worsen the infection and cause it to spread.

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