

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Fuch's Dystrophy

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
(Bare-its)	HAVE YOU EVER TRIED DRIVING WITH A FOGGED UP WINDSHIELD? MOISTURE BUILDS UP ON THE INSIDE, MAKING IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE. ACCORDING TO DR. KEITH BARATZ, AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST AT MAYO CLINIC, THE SAME SORT OF THING CAN HAPPEN TO THE EYE.
Keith Baratz, M.D. Track 1 (:59)	"FUCH'S DYSTROPHY IS A DISEASE OF THE CORNEA; THE CORNEA IS THE FRONT CLEAR WINDOW TO THE EYE."
	BUT IT CAN BECOME FOGGY, CLOUDY, WHEN MOISTURE FROM

<p>(fooks)</p>	<p>THE INTERIOR OF THE EYE BUILDS UP IN THE CORNEA. NORMALLY, CELLS IN THE BACK OF THE CORNEA WORK TO PUMP THAT MOSITURE OUT. BUT FUCH'S DYSTROPHY CAUSES THOSE CELLS TO DIE OFF PREMATURELY.</p>
<p>Dr. Baratz Track 1 (3:50)</p>	<p>"EVENTUALLY YOU GET SUCH A SMALL NUMBER OF THESE CELLS THAT THEY JUST CAN'T KEEP THE CORNEA CLEAR ANYMORE."</p>
	<p>MANY CASES ARE SO MILD THAT NO TREATMENT IS NEEDED. FOR MODERATE SYMPTOMS, MEDICATIONS—EYE DROPS OR OINTMENTS—CAN HELP DRAW OUT THE FLUID. BUT FOR SEVERE CASES, SURGERY, A CORNEAL TRANSPLANT IS USUALLY NECESSARY.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN</p>

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