

When One Eye Starts to Drift or Turn in Adulthood



It unsettles people when an eye that behaved for decades starts wandering. A new or worsening turn in adulthood is worth taking seriously, both because it is treatable and because it occasionally signals something that needs prompt attention. We explain why an adult eye starts to drift, what the change feels like day to day, when it warrants a prompt visit, and how adult-onset cases are treated, for patients in Fort Worth.

Why would an adult eye suddenly start to turn?

An adult eye can start to turn for several reasons, and a doctor needs to work out which one applies. A common cause is a small misalignment that has been present since childhood and was held in check for years by the eye muscles, until that control finally gave out and the turn became visible. This is often called a decompensated childhood strabismus, and it tends to appear gradually.

Other causes are newer and more abrupt. A nerve that controls an eye muscle can be affected by a problem with blood flow, a thyroid condition can swell and stiffen the muscles, an injury can damage a muscle or its nerve, and a neurological event can disrupt the signal. Because several of these need treatment in their own right, a new turn is not something to monitor on your own for long.

What the Drift Feels Like

The drift usually feels worse when you are tired, stressed, or unwell, because those are the conditions under which the eye is hardest to keep aligned. Many adults first notice it in the evening, or after a long stretch of screen work, when the eye starts to wander and does not snap back into place the way it used to.

Double vision is a frequent companion. Adults often catch themselves closing or covering one eye to read a road sign or watch television, or tilting their head to a specific angle that lines the two images up. Some describe a pulling or aching sensation around the eye from the effort of trying to hold it straight.

When should you get a new eye turn checked?

Get a new eye turn or new double vision checked promptly rather than waiting to see whether it settles. Most causes are not dangerous, but a few are time-sensitive, and an eye doctor can tell quickly whether yours needs an urgent workup or can be evaluated on a normal schedule. Double vision that came on suddenly, a turn that appeared over hours or days, or a turn that arrives with pain, a drooping lid, or other neurological symptoms should be seen right away.

A turn that has crept up gradually over months or years is less urgent, but it still warrants an evaluation, because it is unlikely to improve without treatment and it helps to know the cause. A slow drift is often a decompensated childhood misalignment, which is not dangerous, but confirming that rather than assuming it is worth the visit.

How are adult-onset cases treated?

Adult-onset cases are treated by addressing the underlying cause first, when there is one, and then correcting whatever misalignment remains. If a nerve problem is behind the turn, doctors often allow several months for spontaneous recovery before intervening, since many of these improve on their own. If a thyroid condition is active, stabilizing it comes before any surgery.

Once the situation is stable, the alignment itself can be handled in a few ways. Prism glasses work for smaller or still-changing deviations, eye muscle surgery is the option for stable ones, and Botox to weaken an overactive muscle helps in a select group of cases. The right path depends on the cause, the size of the turn, how settled it is, and whether double vision is the main complaint. A turn that keeps changing is usually managed with glasses until it holds still long enough to plan surgery around.

PES Evaluation for a New or Worsening Eye Turn

PES Adult Strabismus Center evaluates new and worsening adult eye turns as part of its core work. The visit includes a history focused on when and how the turn started, careful measurement of the deviation in different

directions, an exam of the health of both eyes, and an assessment of whether an underlying condition needs its own investigation or a referral.

Because the practice sees adult misalignment every day, the team recognizes the patterns that point toward one cause rather than another. Fort Worth patients leave with a clear next step, whether that is monitoring, a referral, prism glasses, or surgery.

If one of your eyes has started to drift or turn, do not sit on it. Schedule an evaluation with PES Adult Strabismus Center in Fort Worth to find out what is behind it and what to do about it.

Company Description

PES Adult Strabismus Center provides adults surgical and non-surgical treatment for strabismus, also known as lazy eye, crossed eye or misaligned eye. Strabismus surgery is more than a cosmetic surgery. It can also improve your vision.

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