

If you have sticky eyes, you have accumulated discharge — a collection of skin cells, debris, oil, and mucus — in the corner of your eyes. It's often not a cause for alarm, but if it becomes consistent and excessive, sticky eyes can be a sign of an infection.

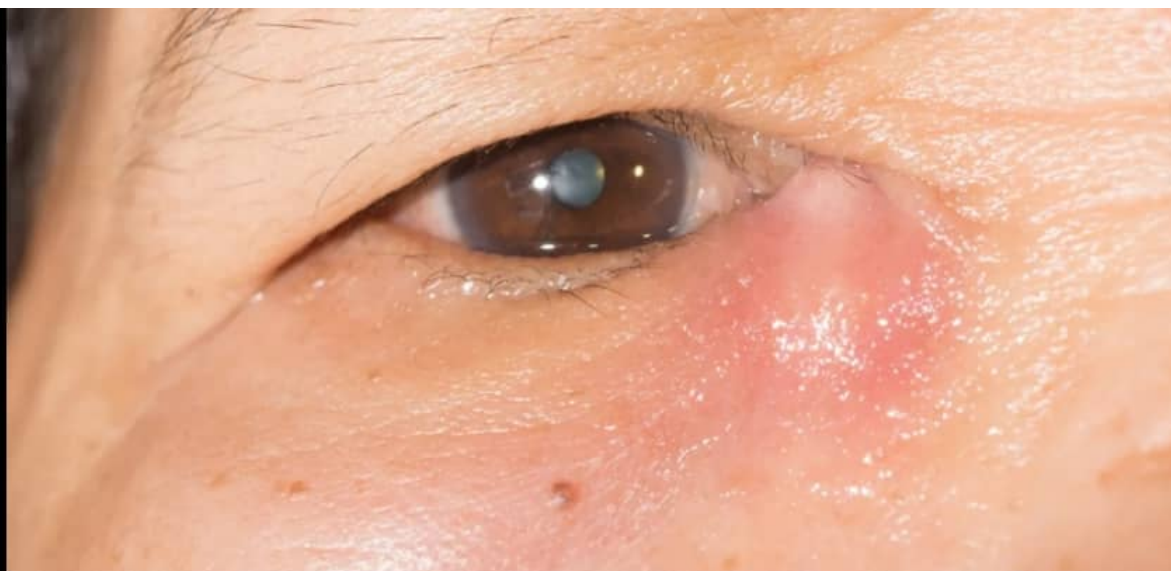
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What are sticky eyes?

If you have **allergies** or a **cold**, you may have woken up with wet or crusted discharge in your eyes. This discharge can cause your eyes to become so wet or gummy that it may feel like your eyes are glued shut. This symptom is also referred to as sticky eyes.

conditions that may cause sticky eyes and excessive eye discharge include:

- poorly cleaned contact lenses
- pinkeye (**conjunctivitis**) — a viral or bacterial infection of the eye
- inflammation of the eyelids (**blepharitis**)
- **styes**
- **eye ulcers**
- **dry eye syndrome**
- tear duct infection (**dacryocystitis**)



7. Dacryocystitis

Dacryocystitis results from an infection that blocks the lacrimal gland, or tear sac, in the corner of the eye.



5. Sty

A sty is a tender and painful bump that occurs on the outer edge of the upper or lower eyelid.



3. Conjunctivitis

Conjunctivitis, or pink eye, causes the white of the eye to appear red or pink. Sometimes it produces a discharge that sticks the eyes together, making it hard to open them.



1. Blepharitis

Blepharitis is due to inflammation of the eyelid. It typically results in sticky eyelids and dry, scaly skin along the eyelash line.

Acute Bacterial Conjunctivitis

- Presentation: Unilateral or bilateral, red eye, mucopurulent or purulent discharge **continuously** throughout the day, burning, irritation, mild chemosis
- Neonates: symptoms appear 5-14d after birth (inclusion conjunctivitis of the newborn)
- Highly contagious: spread by direct contact or by contaminated objects



