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**BLEPHAROPLASTY/BLEPHAROPTOSIS REPAIR UPPER LID
CRITERIA (MEDICARE)**

Blepharoplasty is considered medically necessary for any of the following indications:

- To remove excess tissue of the upper eyelid causing functional visual impairment when photographs in straight gaze show eyelid tissue resting on or pushing down on the eye lashes (Note: Excess tissue beneath the eye rarely obstructs vision, so the lower lid blepharoplasty is rarely covered for this indication.)
- To correct prosthesis difficulties in an anophthalmia socket
- To repair defects predisposing to corneal or conjunctival irritation:
 - entropion (eyelid turned inward)
 - pseudotriachiasis (inward misdirection of eyelashes caused by entropion)
 - ectropion (eyelid turned outward)
 - corneal exposure
- To treat periorbital sequelae of thyroid disease and nerve palsy
- To relieve painful symptoms of blepharospasm.