

Pterygium is a fibrovascular growth of the conjunctiva over the cornea that can cause ocular discomfort, decreased ocular motility and undesirable cosmetic appearance. Because of their high tendency to recur, several surgical techniques have been described for the surgical removal of pterygia that attempt to tackle with that issue. However, even the most successful procedures are associated with recurrence and several complication risks. This review strives to provide a compendium of available surgical procedures, graft attachment methods and adjuvant therapies so that one may make an informed decision on the management of pterygium.

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