



Strabismus Surgery

Strabismus is often treated by surgically adjusting the tension on the eye muscles. The goal of surgery is to get the eyes close enough to perfectly straight that it is hard to see any residual deviation. Results are usually better in young children. Surgery can be done with local anesthesia in some adults, but requires general anesthesia in children, usually as an outpatient procedure. Prisms and Botox injections of the eye muscles are alternatives to surgery in some cases. Botox can be used to weaken specific eye muscles in order to realign the eyes. These injections use the same Botox that is used for cosmetic treatment of facial wrinkles. In some patients eye exercises can be helpful.