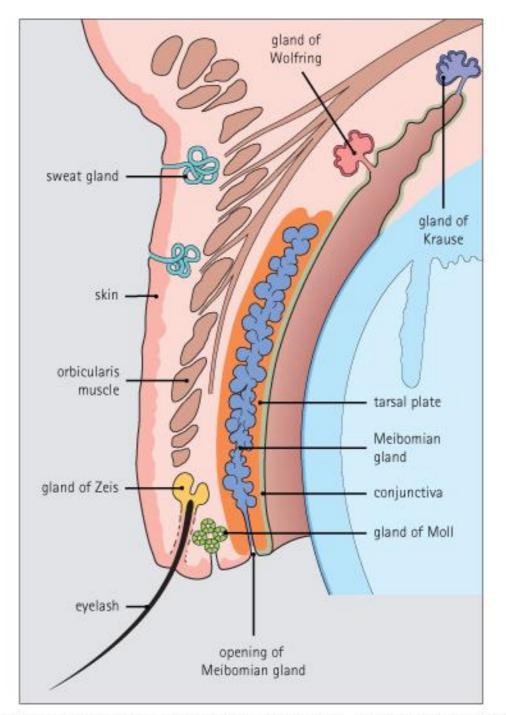
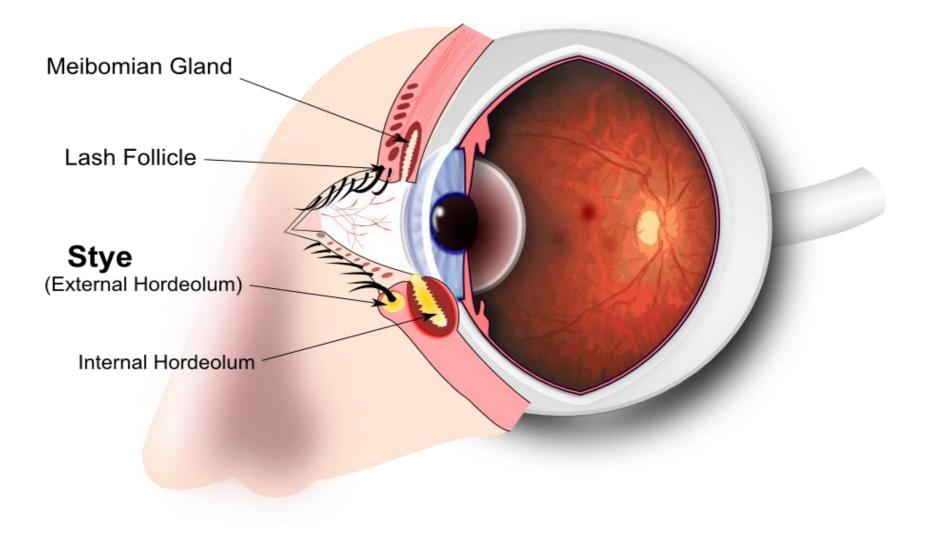
Stye vs. Chalazion



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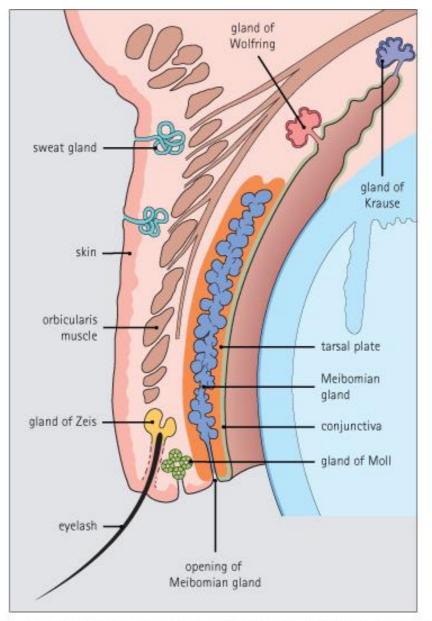




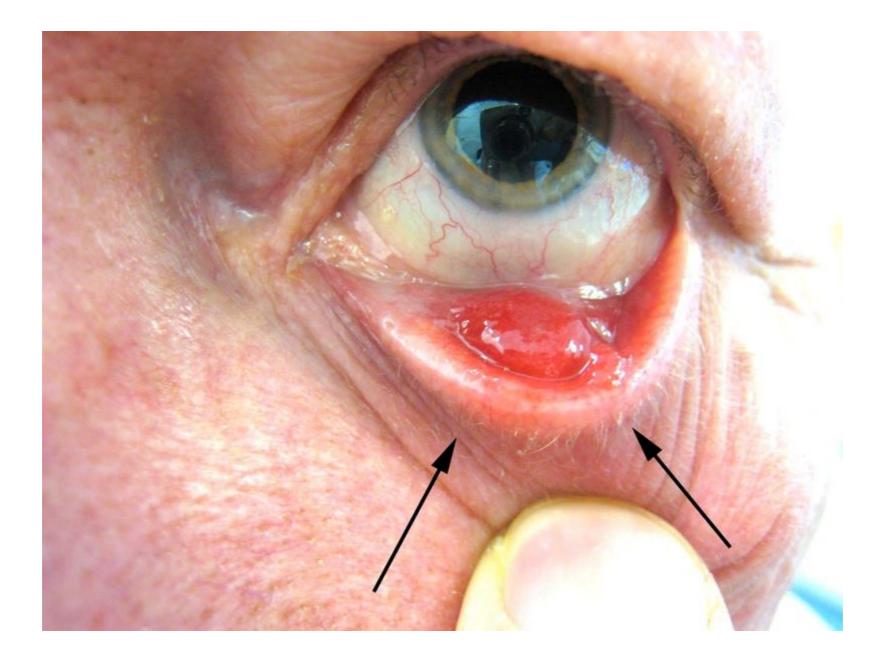
Treatment

- Apply a warm compress to the affected eye for 5-10 minutes.
- Repeat several times a day until the stye drains or resolves.
- Do not attempt to puncture the stye
- Avoid make up or contact lens use until the area has healed.
- Do not prescribe a topical antibiotic unless there is evidence of conjunctivitis.

Chalazion









Treatment

- Apply a warm compress to the affected eye for 5–10 minutes. Repeat this three to four times daily for up to 4 weeks.
- Explain that this will help to liquefy the lipid content of the cyst, thus encouraging drainage of the cyst contents.
- Avoid excessively hot compresses (to avoid scalding).
- Gently massage the meibomian cyst after application of the warm compress (to aid expression of the cyst contents).
- Clean the affected eyelid twice daily (to clear debris and oily secretions from the eyelid and lashes).
- Do **not** prescribe a topical or oral antibiotic.

Referral- NICE

If the cyst does not improve or resolve over 3-4 weeks of conservative management offer:

- Referral to an ophthalmologist for treatment (incision or curettage performed under local anaesthetic, or intralesional corticosteroid injection).
- A 6-month period of watchful waiting
- No treatment.

Referral- Local CCG policy

Incision/excision of chalazia will be funded when all the following criteria are met:

- Chalazia is causing significant irritation, pain or blurring of vision.
- Conservative treatment with heat and compression have been tried for at least three months.

