

STY

A sty is a red, painful lump on the edge of your eyelid. It is usually caused by a bacterial infection in an eyelash follicle. Sties usually fill with pus and then burst in about one week.

Treatment

Apply a clean, warm compress four times a day for 10 minutes to relieve pain. This will also help the sty come to a point sooner. Let the sty burst on its own, then rinse your eye thoroughly.

For persistent infections, your health care provider may prescribe an antibiotic cream or eye drop. Contact your physician if you have any questions or problems.