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Swelling/Bruising: Eyes

Surgeries above or around the eyes:

- When working above or around the eyes, there is a possibility of swelling around the eyelid(s). Your eyelid(s) may or may not swell shut.
 - Swelling will get worse over the next 1-3 days, then it will start to get better.
- Black eye(s) are possible.
- Bruising can travel down the face.
 - Away from the surgical site/down the face.

To help with swelling:

- Sleep with your head at an incline for the next two nights.
 - Ex: sleep in a reclining chair or in the bed with several pillows under your head.
- **No** need to use ice packs, it will dampen the bandage.