

**Clinic Name** John Hunter Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic

**Conditions seen** These are available via health pathways with suggested timeframes to appointment.  
For more information and to access health pathways please see:  
<https://hne.communityhealthpathways.org/LoginFiles/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

**Conditions Not seen**

- Age-related macular degeneration (AMD):
  - Family history but asymptomatic
  - Retinal Pigment Epithelial changes (dry AMD)
  - Drusen
- Blepharitis:
  - Chronic (not severe)
  - Itchy eyes
  - No lid or corneal changes
- Cataract:**
  - **Note that cataract surgery for public patients is performed at John Hunter Hospital and other HNE facilities but these patients must be referred to private ophthalmologist rooms for assessment in the first instance.**
- Conjunctivitis with no other signs or symptoms
- Cosmetic contact lens (new or replacement)
- Diabetes:
  - Diabetic eye screening (in either newly diagnosed or established diabetes)
  - Non-proliferative (background) diabetic retinopathy (minimal0-moderate)
- Dry eyes (longstanding)
- Entropion or ectropion with no corneal involvement or lid irritation
- Epiphora (watery eye)
  - Intermittent watery
  - Blocked tear duct
- Excess eyelid skin not obscuring line of sight
- Flashes with associated history of migraine
- Floaters, longstanding with no other symptoms
- Headaches
  - When reading
  - Migraine with no ophthalmic symptoms
  - Tension headaches with no ophthalmic symptoms
- Itchy eyes, longstanding or in children
- Pterygium, asymptomatic or removal requested for cosmetic reasons
- Red eye, chronic or no associated visual loss
- Refraction for glasses check or refractive laser surgery
- Retinal, asymptomatic epiretinal membrane
- Trichiasis

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- With no corneal involvement
- Removal of eyelash in primary health care sector

**Paediatric Service** N/A

**Accept Referrals From** GP, Optometrist, Ophthalmologist

**How to refer** Referral needed from GP or Optometrist, Please include

- Visual acuity (aided, corrected, pinhole and unaided).
- Current diagnostic report by a community ophthalmologist or optometrist where required.
- Copy of most recent eye examination report
- Please send via e-referral if available or fax to (02) 4922 3900

**Urgent referrals** For an urgent assessment (within 24 hours to 3 days)  
Discuss all immediate referrals with the on-call ophthalmology registrar via the hospital switch (02) 4921 3000  
Follow up by sending a written referral via e-referral if available (preferred) or fax to John Hunter Ophthalmology Clinic, fax (02) 4922 3900

**Contact** Clinic: (02) 4922 3912

If you are a health professional in Hunter & New England and would like to have access to the Hunter & New England HealthPathways website, please contact the Hunter & New England HealthPathways Team who will provide you with a username and password. The Team can be contacted via [healthpathways@huml.com.au](mailto:healthpathways@huml.com.au) [healthpathways@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:healthpathways@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

**Hours**

**Website** <https://hne.communityhealthpathways.org/LoginFiles/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

**Additional Information** HNE LHD are currently implementing the SeNT e-referral system. For further information refer to

<https://thephn.com.au/programs-resources/sent-ereferral>

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