

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Treating Fuch's Dystrophy

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	MOST OF US TAKE OUR EYESIGHT FOR GRANTED, UNTIL SOMETHING GOES WRONG. SOMETHING LIKE FUCH'S DYSTROPHY. THAT'S WHERE YOUR VISION BECOMES CLOUDY DUE TO A FLUID BUILD UP IN THE CORNEA.
Keith Baratz, M.D. Track 1 (1:50)	"IT'S ANALAGOUS TO A WINDOW THAT BECOMES FOGGED OVER. ESSENTIALLY FOGGING OR CLOUDING OF THE WINDOW TO THE EYE."
	DR. KEITH BARATZ IS AN EYE SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC. TYPICALLY TREATMENTS BEGIN

	<p>WITH SALINE DROPS OR OINTMENTS THAT HELP DRAW THE FLUID OUT. ONE TREATMENT THAT'S ATYPICAL USES WARM AIR TO EVAPORATE THE MOISTURE, MUCH LIKE A DEFROSTER IN YOUR CAR.</p>
<p>Keith Baratz, M.D. Track 1 (24:40)</p>	<p>"THERE ARE PATIENTS WHO EVERY MORNING ARE BLOW-DRYING THE SURFACE OF THE EYE TO TRY TO CLEAR IT UP SOME."</p>
	<p>BUT WHEN SYMPTOMS ARE SEVERE, CORNEAL TRANSPLANT MAY BE NECESSARY. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WHILE FUCH'S DYSTROPHY IS NOT UNCOMMON, IT <u>IS</u> UNCOMMON FOR IT TO PROGRESS TO THE POINT WHERE SURGERY IS NEEDED.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
