The Dangers of Trivializing Eyelid Surgery
Which lesion is life-threatening?
“Bump” on eyelid
A: Basal Cell Carcinoma (post excision)
Chalazion?
Cancer –
patient passed away from that cancer which had already metastasized when finally referred
Q: Conjunctival cyst?
A: Melanoma
Pleomorphic Adenoma

- Can turn into Pleomorphic adenocarcinoma (malignant mixed tumor) if improperly excised
Lymphoma

- Chemotherapy not surgery
- Biopsy sent with specific instructions and in a special way or the diagnosis is missed!
Chalazion
Abscess or Necrotizing faciitis? (death rate 12.5%)

• can result in loss of the eyelids and death
Which lesion is life-threatening?

Chalazion, which can be drained and will heal.

Lymphoma which must be biopsied in special manner in order to diagnose correctly. Life threatening.

Sebaceous Cell Carcinoma. Life threatening. This patient lost the eye.

Must be removed completely or will rapidly become malignant and life threatening.
Diagnoses?
Pterygium

• Can they be removed ‘without a scalpel’?
  
  • “A technique practiced by the ancient Greeks” . Waller, *Pterygium*, Lippincott, 2005

• A complex diagnostic and therapeutic challenge
  
  – What is it?
  – When do you remove it?
  – How do you remove it?
Pterygium
Malignant squamous cell carcinoma
Autoimmune pseudopterygium: removal will cause loss of the eye
Benign Pterygium
Pre-malignant: Carcinoma-in-situ