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Epidemiology

In the UK it is estimated that blepharitis is responsible for 5% of all eye problems reported to general practitioners. [7] Blepharitis is one of the most common ocular diseases encountered by ophthalmologists. The National Disease and Therapeutic Index estimates that blepharitis accounted for approximately 590,000 patient visits in 1982. [8] The mean age of patients with blepharitis is 50 years. Gender and age distribution are similar among the different blepharitis groups with the exception of staphylococcal blepharitis, which affects predominantly women (80%) and occurs at a slightly younger age (mean 42 years). [8] Approximately 50% of patients have associated dry eye syndrome. [3]

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