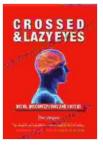
## **Crossed And Lazy Eyes: Myths, Misconceptions, And Truths**

Crossed eyes and lazy eyes are two common eye conditions that can affect people of all ages. Crossed eyes, also known as strabismus, is a condition in which the eyes do not align properly, causing one eye to turn inward or outward. Lazy eye, also known as amblyopia, is a condition in which one eye is weaker than the other, causing the brain to favor the stronger eye.



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There are many myths and misconceptions about crossed and lazy eyes. Some people believe that these conditions are caused by watching too much television or reading in dim light. Others believe that these conditions can be cured by wearing an eye patch over the stronger eye. However, the truth is that crossed and lazy eyes are caused by a variety of factors, including genetics, muscle imbalances, and refractive errors. In this article, we will discuss the myths, misconceptions, and truths about crossed and lazy eyes. We will also provide information on the causes, symptoms, and treatment options for these conditions.

#### Myths And Misconceptions About Crossed And Lazy Eyes

Myth: Crossed and lazy eyes are the same condition.

**Truth:** Crossed eyes and lazy eyes are two different conditions. Crossed eyes is a condition in which the eyes do not align properly, causing one eye to turn inward or outward. Lazy eye is a condition in which one eye is weaker than the other, causing the brain to favor the stronger eye.

# Myth: Crossed and lazy eyes are caused by watching too much television or reading in dim light.

**Truth:** Watching too much television or reading in dim light does not cause crossed or lazy eyes. These conditions are caused by a variety of factors, including genetics, muscle imbalances, and refractive errors.

#### Myth: Crossed and lazy eyes can be cured by wearing an eye patch over the stronger eye.

**Truth:** Wearing an eye patch over the stronger eye can help to improve lazy eye, but it will not cure the condition. Treatment for lazy eye typically involves vision therapy, eye exercises, and/or glasses or contact lenses.

#### Myth: Crossed and lazy eyes are always permanent.

**Truth:** Crossed and lazy eyes can be treated, and most people who receive treatment experience significant improvement. However, some

people may have permanent crossed or lazy eyes, especially if the condition is not treated early.

#### **Causes Of Crossed And Lazy Eyes**

Crossed eyes and lazy eyes are caused by a variety of factors, including:

\* **Genetics:** Crossed and lazy eyes can be inherited from parents. \* **Muscle imbalances:** The muscles that control the eyes can be weak or imbalanced, causing the eyes to turn inward or outward. \* **Refractive errors:** Refractive errors, such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism, can cause the eyes to focus incorrectly, which can lead to crossed or lazy eyes. \* **Other medical conditions:** Crossed and lazy eyes can also be caused by other medical conditions, such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and premature birth.

#### Symptoms Of Crossed And Lazy Eyes

The symptoms of crossed eyes and lazy eyes can vary depending on the severity of the condition. Some common symptoms include:

\* Eyes that do not align properly \* One eye that turns inward or outward \* Double vision \* Blurred vision \* Eye strain \* Headaches

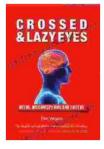
#### **Treatment Options For Crossed And Lazy Eyes**

The treatment options for crossed and lazy eyes vary depending on the severity of the condition and the underlying cause. Some common treatment options include:

\* **Vision therapy:** Vision therapy is a type of eye exercises that can help to improve eye alignment and coordination. \* **Eye exercises:** Eye exercises

can also help to improve eye alignment and coordination. \* **Glasses or contact lenses:** Glasses or contact lenses can help to correct refractive errors that are causing crossed or lazy eyes. \* **Surgery:** Surgery may be necessary to correct severe cases of crossed eyes.

Crossed and lazy eyes are two common eye conditions that can affect people of all ages. While there are many myths and misconceptions about these conditions, the truth is that they are caused by a variety of factors, including genetics, muscle imbalances, and refractive errors. Treatment options for crossed and lazy eyes vary depending on the severity of the condition and the underlying cause. With proper treatment, most people who have crossed or lazy eyes experience significant improvement.



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