

### What is Pseudostrabismus?

This is when there appears to be a squint (an eye that turns inwards) but the eyes are in fact straight.

Pseudostrabismus often occurs in babies and young children where the bridge of the nose has not yet fully developed. The flattened appearance of the nose can cause the eyes to appear to be turning in.

This picture shows the typical appearance of a pseudostrabismus.



Note that the child's right eye appears to be turning in but the white light reflections in the eyes are central and in the same position for each eye as shown by the arrows.

### Will any treatment be needed?

No treatment is required.

Pseudostrabismus usually improves with age; as the child's face develops, parents often begin to notice the appearance of a 'squint' less and less.

The orthoptist will monitor your child's vision and check for squints as your child develops.

**Is there anything I should be looking for?**

Pseudostrabismus usually resolves itself over time, however, if you feel that your child is really squinting at times, try to photograph it or keep a diary of when you see it; this will be of help to the orthoptist when they assess your child.

If you should have any questions, concerns or you require further information, please contact:

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