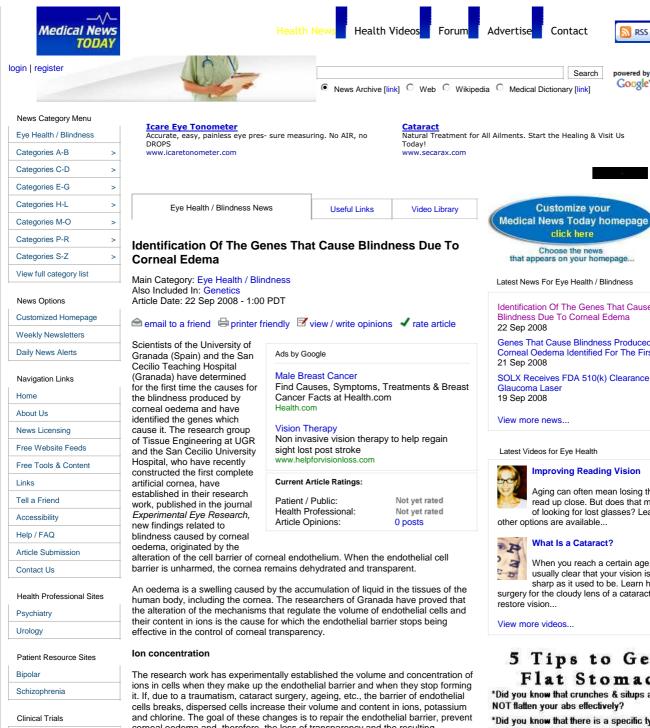
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cells breaks, dispersed cells increase their volume and content in ions, potassium and chlorine. The goal of these changes is to repair the endothelial barrier, prevent corneal oedema and, therefore, the loss of transparency and the resulting blindness. The research carried out at the University of Granada has also determined the genes involved in the control of this process

Such recent findings suggest new treatments for corneal oedema. The scientists explain that maybe in the not too distant future it will be possible to use eye drops which provide the ions involved or even the possibility of modifying the affected genes by means of gene therapy, which could mend or palliate some of these alterations

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