The eyelids, lacrimal system, orbit and conjunctiva play an important role in the protection and function of the eyes. Many diseases altering the structure or function of the eyelids, conjunctiva, lacrimal system and/or orbit threaten vision.
3.1 **Eyelids**

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### 3.1.1 Surgical Anatomy

The anterior eyelid lamella includes the skin and orbicularis muscle (Fig. 3.1.1).

The eyelid skin is the thinnest in the body measuring less than 1 mm in thickness. The *upper eyelid skin crease* is located 6–10 mm from the lash line in an adult. It is due to the insertion of the levator aponeurosis into the orbicularis muscle at the superior border of...