

**A**S HER battle with cancer rages on, Farrah Fawcett has been struck with a new horror - she's going blind.

The 59-year-old "Charlie's Angels" star began losing her vision because sunbathing damaged her eyes due to her weakened immune system, sources told **THE ENQUIRER** exclusively.

The **ENQUIRER** broke the story of Farrah's cancer battle and now has uncovered the details of her new fight. And the good news is that doctors are rushing to save her sight

and say they have an excellent chance at success.

The beloved TV beauty is now facing laser surgery to correct the problem - plus two more cancer-related operations.

"Farrah's vision is blurred and she has burning pain in her eyeballs. It's a result of sunbathing as she was recovering," a source told **THE ENQUIRER**.

The Hollywood legend's latest medical setback occurred just after she finished an intensive six-week regimen of radiation and chemotherapy for anal cancer.

To relax, she laid in the sun on the deck of her longtime love Ryan O'Neal's Malibu beach home - and that's when her problems began.

"At the beginning of January, Farrah started to get what she thought was pink eye. Her eyes were practically sealed shut each morning with gunk," said the source.

"As the days went by she got terrible eye pain, then blurred vision. She couldn't leave the house."

Doctors diagnosed her condition as pterygium - an ailment that often strikes surfers and others who spend a lot of time in the sun.

It's a thickening of the outer coating of the eye that grows onto the cornea.



Ryan O'Neal has stood by Farrah through her ordeal

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Farrah got it from sunbathing because her immune system was weakened by cancer treatments, said the source.

"She's been told she needs laser surgery to correct the problem.

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along to take any pain medication, and she's dealing with her eye problem the same way: stoically suffering, but relentlessly upbeat."

In addition to the laser surgery

- which should be successful - Fawcett is scheduled to undergo surgery to remove her cancerous tumors in late January - and she'll also have a hysterectomy.

"She's having her ovaries removed," said the source. "She has no cancer there, but her doctors told her that having a hysterectomy reduces the chances of a cancer recurrence."

Meanwhile, Farrah is trying to stay upbeat.

"When the doctors explained her eye problem could be treated with laser surgery, Farrah was relieved," said an insider. "But she's tired of hospitals - the UCLA Medical Center has become her second home."

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