



# EYE INJURIES



## Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

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This protocol covers a variety of injuries to the eye. If other injuries to the body exist, priority of care should be given as appropriate.

### Supportive Care

1. [Trauma Supportive Care Protocol](#) (establish IV PRN).
2. Remove or ask the patient to remove contact lenses, if still in the affected eye(s). If penetrating injury is suspected do not push or put pressure on eyeball.
3. For penetrating object, stabilize object and cover affected eye with an ocular shield or similar rigid device. Cover both eyes to minimize eye movement. Avoid direct pressure on eye or penetrating object.
4. If eyeball has been forced out of the socket, cover the entire eye area with a rigid container, such as a disposable drinking cup. Avoid contact with the exposed globe. If bleeding, control by direct pressure with a sterile dry dressing.
5. If there are signs and symptoms or suspicion of ocular exposure to chemicals or foreign body, without obvious or suspected penetrating injury or laceration of the cornea or globe, irrigate with Normal Saline IV solution.

### ALS Level 1

None

### ALS Level 2 (*Physician Authorization Required*)

None



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