



EYE INJURIES



Escambia County, Florida – 1st Responder Medical Protocol

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.

ASSESSMENT

A. Assure ABCs, see [General Supportive Care Protocol](#).

TREATMENT

A. Initial Assessment.

B. Chemical:

- Flush immediately with water, if exposure is without obvious or suspected penetrating injury or laceration of the cornea or globe. (Bottled drinking water, sterile water, clean running faucet, etc.)
- Continue flushing for 20 minutes or until directed to stop by EMS crew.
- Give chemical container or name of chemical to EMS.

C. Foreign Object/Injury:

- 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.
- 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.



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REPORT

- A. Report as indicated in [General Supportive Care Protocol](#).



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