

When to refer to the ophthalmology department

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IMMEDIATE

Between 9-5 contact eye clinic. From 5pm – 8:59 contact Ophthalmologist on call.



- Acute glaucoma
- Chemical burn* (Check PH and irrigate 1st)
- Corneal laceration (obtain X-ray)
- Globe perforation (obtain x-ray)
- Intra ocular FB (obtain x – ray)
- Hypopyon (pus in anterior chamber)
- Iris prolapse *Cover with an eye shield
- Orbital cellulitis
- Central retinal artery occlusion (less than 8 hours onset)
- Giant cell arteritis (with visual disturbance)
- Sudden explained severe visual loss of less than 12 hours
- Painful eye in post op intra ocular surgery (less than 2 months post op)

WITHIN 24 HOURS

Make OPA with eye clinic or from A+E within PAS



- Arc eye
- Corneal abrasion
- Corneal F.B
- Sub tarsal F.B
The above only if unsure of diagnosis or can't manage appropriately
- Blunt trauma
- Contact lens related problems
- Corneal graft patients
- Corneal ulcers or painful / corneal opacities
- Hyphaema
- Iritis
- Lid laceration
- Orbital fractures
- Painful eye
- Retinal detachment / tear
- Vitreous haemorrhage
- Sudden loss of vision of more than 12 hours
- Acute 3rd nerve palsy
- Neonatal conjunctivitis

WITHIN ONE WEEK

Fax referral letter with patient contact details to 01480 363693



- Sudden / recent onset of diplopia
- Sudden / recent onset of disortion in vision
- Entropion that is painful
- HZO with eye involvement
- Episcleritis / Scleritis
- PVD
- Bells palsy
- Optic neuritis
- Severe infective conjunctivitis
- Vein occlusions

NOT EMERGENCIES

Refer routinely only if not responding to treatment



- Allergic conjunctivitis
- Mild – mod conjunctivitis
- Blepharitis
- Chalazion
- Dry eyes
- Ectropion
- Watery eye
- Sub conj haemorrhage
- Non-prolif diabetic retinopathy