#### **Common Eye Disorders**

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#### Glaucoma

#### • Intraocular Pressure

- The inner pressure of the eye (i.e., IOP) is influenced by the **production of aqueous humor** by the ciliary processes and the **outflow of aqueous humor** through the trabecular meshwork.
- Generally, an IOP of 10 to 20 mm Hg is considered normal.
- An IOP of **22 mm Hg** or greater should arouse suspicion of glaucoma, although a more rare form of glaucoma is associated even with **normal IOP**.





 Historically, β-adrenergic blockers have been the most commonly prescribed first line agents for the treatment of OPAG.

In recent years, prostaglandin analog (PGA) use has reached, if not exceeded, β-adrenergic blocker use.

- β-Adrenergic Blockers
- Ophthalmic β-adrenergic antagonists block the β-adrenergic receptors in the ciliary epithelium of the eye.
- They lower IOP primarily by decreasing aqueous humor production.
- On average,  $\beta$ -blockers decrease IOP by 20% to 35% depending on the strength used and the frequency of administration.

#### • Timolol

- O A non-selective β1- and β2-adrenergic antagonist, is one of the most commonly prescribed glaucoma medications.
- Concentrations or dosages exceeding one drop of timolol 0.5% twice daily (BID) do not produce further significant decreases in IOP.

• An escape phenomenon, or tachyphylaxis, can occur with timolol.

#### Levobunolol

- $\circ$  It is a **non-selective**  $\beta$ -adrenergic antagonist.
- It is approved for either once daily or **BID** administration.
- Levobunolol 0.5% and 1% are comparable to timolol in lowering IOP.
- The **incidence of adverse reactions**, including **decreases in heart rate**, is also comparable to that for timolol.

- Metipranolol
- $\bigcirc$  It is **non-selective**  $\beta$ -adrenergic blocking agent.
- Metipranolol 0.1% to 0.6%, is comparable to timolol 0.25% to 0.5% in reducing IOP.
- Metipranolol produces **corneal anesthesia**, which occurs within **1 minute** of instillation and **returns to baseline** after **10 minutes**.
- Metipranolol is associated with a greater incidence of stinging or burning on administration

- Carteolol
- It is a non-selective β-adrenergic blocking agent with partial β-adrenergic agonist activity.
- Theoretically, it should minimize the **bronchospastic**, **bradycardic**, and **hypotensive effects** associated with other ocular β-adrenergic blockers.
- Carteolol 1% and timolol 0.25% administered BID are equally effective in reducing IOP.

#### • Betaxolol

O It is a **selective** β1-adrenergic blocker.

- This cardioselective property may result in less adverse effects on pulmonary function than nonselective  $\beta$ -adrenergic blockers in patients with reactive airway disorders.
- Betaxolol is **slightly less effective** than timolol in **IOP reduction**, and more patients tend to need **adjunctive therapy** with betaxolol.

- Prostaglandin Analogs
- They are selective analogs of prostaglandin F2α.
- The prostaglandin analogs **increase uveoscleral outflow** of aqueous humor and, thereby, **decrease IOP**.
- These agents often are prescribed as first-line agents.

- Latanoprost
- When administered **once daily in the evening**, latanoprost is at least as effective as timolol in decreasing IOP.
- The nocturnal control of IOP with latanoprost was superior to that with timolol.
- Latanoprost 0.005% should be dosed **once daily** in the **evening** because the IOP-lowering effects of latanoprost might **actually be inferior** when administered **more frequently**.

• Latanoprost side effects

| Iris                    | Eyelid skin               | Eyelash              |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| pigmentation            | darkening                 | lengthening          |
| Thickening pigmentation | Conjunctival<br>hyperemia | Ocular<br>irritation |

Latanoprost is a good adjunctive ophthalmic agent for patients who are unable to adequately lower their IOP with single-agent therapy.

Latanoprost has additive effects when administered with β-blockers (e.g., timolol), carbonic anhydrase inhibitors (e.g., dorzolamide), and α2-adrenergic agonists (e.g., brimonidine, apraclonidine).

Travoprost

• It is approved for the reduction of **elevated IOP** and **ocular hypertension** in patients who are intolerant or who fail to respond to other agents.

• **Local irritation** may be less with **travoprost** because it is free of the preservative **benzalkonium chloride**.

• Bimatoprost

• Once daily or BID achieved lower target IOPs than did timolol BID.

• The side effect profile of bimatoprost appears to be similar to that for latanoprost and travoprost.

- Bimatoprost
- The FDA approved the cosmetic use of bimatoprost solution under the trade name Latisse®.
- Latisse® solution is applied with an applicator to the base of the upper eyelashes for the treatment of hypotrichosis (inadequate eyelashes).
- Eyelash lengthening, thickening, and darkening or pigmentation is seen after 8 to 16 weeks of use.



- a2-Adrenergic Agonists
- Apraclonidine (Iopidine) and brimonidine (Alphagan) are selective α2-adrenergic agonists similar to clonidine.
- Apraclonidine is less lipophilic than clonidine and brimonidine, does not cross the blood-brain barrier as readily, and theoretically has fewer systemic side effects (e.g., hypotension, decreased pulse, dry mouth).
- Brimonidine is more highly selective for a2-adrenergic receptors than clonidine or apraclonidine and, theoretically, should be associated with fewer ocular side effects.

- a2-Adrenergic Agonists
- α2-Adrenergic agonists appear to lower IOP by decreasing the production of aqueous humor and by increasing uveoscleral outflow.
- Brimonidine is an alternative first-line agent.
- It may also be used as **adjunctive therapy** in patients not responding to other agents.



#### Management of ptosis: • Apraclonidine 0.5 percent three times per day as needed.

• Naphazoline can be used every four hours as needed.

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Long-term IOP control should be monitored closely in patients taking &2-adrenergic agonists because tachyphylaxis can occur.

- Topical Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors
- Carbonic anhydrase occurs in high concentrations in the ciliary processes and retina of the eye.
- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors lower IOP by decreasing bicarbonate production.

• It result in a 40% to 60% decrease in aqueous humor secretion.

- Topical Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors
- Although CAIs have been used **orally** for many years in the **treatment of elevated IOPs**, they have been replaced by the **topical ophthalmic CAIs**, **Dorzolamide & Brinzolamide**.
- Topical CAIs are **excellent alternatives** to β-blockers in the initial management of elevated IOPs, and are effective as adjunctive agents.
- Brinzolamide and dorzolamide are approved for TID dosing; however, BID dosing may be adequate.

The combined use of topical dorzolamide and oral acetazolamide does not result in additive effects and might increase the risk of toxicity.

The concomitant use of topical and oral CAIs is not advised.

• Topical Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors

- The most common adverse effects reported with dorzolamide are. ocular burning, stinging, discomfort and allergic reactions, bitter taste.
- Brinzolamide causes less **burning** and **stinging of the eyes** than dorzolamide, because its **pH** more closely resembles that of human tears.

- Anticholinesterase & cholinergic agents
- **Pilocarpine** historically was an initial treatment of choice, but with the introduction and widespread use of newer agents, pilocarpine has **fallen out of favor**.
- Pilocarpine is a **direct-acting cholinergic (parasympathomimetic)** that causes **contraction of ciliary muscle fibers** attached to the trabecular meshwork and scleral spur.
- This opens the **trabecular meshwork** to enhance **aqueous humor outflow**



- Anticholinesterase & cholinergic agents
- Echothiophate iodide is an irreversible cholinesterase inhibitor.
- It may be used if **maximal doses** of **other agents** and **combination therapy** are **ineffective**.
- Echothiophate iodide has a long duration of action that affords good control of IOP.

| Generic   | Mechanism     | Strength   | Usual Dosage                                       | Comments  |
|---|---------------|--|--|---|
| β-Blockers  |               |  |  |   |
| Betaxolol<br>(Betoptic<br>[solution], Betoptic<br>S [suspension]) | Sympatholytic | 0.25%<br>(suspension) 0.5%<br>(solution)   | l drop BID<br>l drop BID                           | Shake suspension well before<br>use. Effective with few<br>associated ocular side effects.<br>BID dosage enhances<br>compliance. Considered $\beta$ -<br>blocker of choice in patients<br>with preexisting HF or<br>pulmonary disease because of<br>$\beta_1$ -adrenergic specificity.<br>Patient response may be less<br>than that seen with timolol |
| Carteolol<br>(Ocupress)   | Sympatholytic | 1%   | l drop BID   | Effective with few associated<br>side effects. BID dosage<br>enhances compliance. Use<br>with caution in patients with<br>preexisting HF or pulmonary<br>disease  |
| Levobunolol<br>(Betagan)  | Sympatholytic | 0.25%, 0.5%  | l drop daily or<br>BID                             | Effective with few associated<br>ocular side effects. Daily and<br>BID dosage enhances<br>compliance. Use with caution<br>in patients with preexisting<br>HF or pulmonary disease   |
| Metipranolol<br>(OptiPranolol)                                    | Sympatholytic | 0.3%   | l drop BID   | Effective with few associated<br>side effects. BID dosage<br>enhances compliance. Use<br>with caution in patients with<br>preexisting HF or pulmonary<br>disease  |
| Timolol (Timoptic)<br>(Betimol)<br>(Istalol)                      | Sympatholytic | 0.25%, 0.5%<br>0.5% (Istalol)<br>0.25%, 0.5%<br>preservative-free<br>(Timoptic<br>Ocudose) | l drop BID<br>l drop daily in<br>morning (Istalol) | Effective with few associated<br>ocular side effects. Daily and<br>BID dosage enhances<br>compliance. Use with caution<br>in patients with preexisting<br>HF or pulmonary disease.<br>Proven long-term<br>effectiveness, with well-<br>defined side effect profile  |
| Timolol Gel-<br>Forming Solution<br>(Timoptic XE,<br>Timolol GFS) | Sympatholytic | 0.25%, 0.5%  | 1 drop daily                                       | Once-daily timolol<br>formulation. The ophthalmic<br>vehicle, gellan gum (Gelrite),<br>prolongs precorneal residence<br>time and <sup>↑</sup> ocular  |

|                             |                                       |             |  | bioavailability, allowing once-<br>daily administration  |
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| 2-Selective Ad              | renergic Agonists                     |             |  | daily deministration   |
| Apraclonidine<br>(Iopidine) | Sympathomimetic                       | 0.5%, 1%    | l drop<br>preoperatively and<br>postoperatively or<br>l drop BID to<br>TID | May be used preoperatively<br>and postoperatively for the<br>prevention of ↑ IOP after<br>anterior-segment laser<br>procedures. Use of NLO<br>minimizes systemic side<br>effects and allows for BID<br>dosing. Does not penetrate<br>the blood–brain barrier,<br>therefore negligible systemic<br>hypotension. Local adverse<br>effects fairly common.<br>Tachyphylaxis may be<br>observed |
| 3rimonidine<br>Alphagan)    | Sympathomimetic                       | 0.15%, 0.2% | l drop BID to<br>TID   | Effective long-term<br>monotherapy or adjunctive<br>therapy. Use of NLO<br>minimizes systemic side<br>effects and allows for BID<br>dosing. Penetrates the blood-<br>brain barrier, therefore may<br>cause mild systemic<br>hypotension and lethargy.<br>Local adverse effects less<br>common than with<br>apraclonidine   |
| Brimonidine<br>(Alphagan P) | Sympathomimetic                       | 0.1%, 0.15% | l drop BID to<br>TID   | Contains Purite preservative.<br>Purite preservative and lower<br>concentrations may improve<br>tolerability   |
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| opical Carboni              | c Anhydrase Inhibito                  | rs          |  |  |
| 3rinzolamide<br>(Azopt)     | Decreased aqueous<br>humor production | 1%          | 1 drop TID   | Shake suspension well<br>before use. Effective long-<br>term monotherapy or<br>adjunctive therapy. Well<br>tolerated with few systemic<br>side effects. Less burning<br>and stinging compared with<br>dorzolamide  |
| Dorzolamide<br>(Trusopt)    | Decreased aqueous humor production    | 2%          | l drop TID   | Effective long-term<br>monotherapy or adjunctive<br>therapy. Well tolerated with<br>few systemic side effects  |

| Prostaglandin .  | Analogs                                   |  |  |  | 1911-1913   |  |                     |   |  | Store unopened foiled  |
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| Latanoprost<br>(Xalatan)   | Prostaglandin F <sub>2</sub> α<br>agonist | and in $F_{2\alpha}$ 0.005% 1 drop once a day at bedtime   | once a day BID dosing may be less<br>effective than once a day at<br>bedtime dosing. May cause<br>increased pigmentation of<br>the iris and eyelid. Systemic<br>side effects are rare, but |  |   |  |                     |   | pouches in refrigerator.<br>Single-use container may be<br>stored in the opened foil<br>pouch for 28 days at room<br>temperature |  |
|  |   |  |  | may cause muscle, joint,<br>back pain, headaches,<br>migraines, and skin rash.<br>Effective monotherapy or<br>adjunctive therapy. Store<br>unopened bottles in<br>refrigerator. Opened bottles<br>may be stored at room<br>temperature up to 6 weeks   | ioint,<br>es,<br>rash.<br>py or<br>Store<br>d bottles<br>om<br>weeks  | Miotics<br>Pilocarpine<br>(Isopto Carpine)         | Parasympathomimetic | 1%, 2%, 4%  | 1–2 drops TID or<br>QID  | Long-term proven<br>effectiveness. Little rationale<br>for administration more<br>frequently than every 4<br>hours. Side effects of miosis<br>with decreased vision and  |
| TravoprostProstaglandin $F_2\alpha$ 0.004%1 dropTravatan Z)agonistat bedt  | l drop once a day<br>at bedtime           | BID dosing may be less<br>effective than once a day at<br>bedtime dosing. May cause<br>increased pigmentation of |  |  |   |  |                     | brow ache are common<br>sources of patient<br>complaints. |  |  |
|  |   |  |  | the iris and eyelid. Systemic<br>side effects are rare, but<br>may include colds and upper<br>respiratory tract infections.<br>Effective monotherapy or<br>adjunctive therapy with<br>timolol. May be more<br>effective than timolol and<br>latanoprost and more<br>effective in African-<br>Americans. Does not<br>contain benzalkonium | he iris and eyelid. Systemic<br>side effects are rare, but<br>may include colds and upper<br>respiratory tract infections.<br>Effective monotherapy or<br>adjunctive therapy with<br>timolol. May be more<br>effective than timolol and<br>latanoprost and more<br>effective in African-<br>Americans. Does not<br>contain benzalkonium | Carbachol (Isopto<br>Carbachol)                    | Parasympathomimetic | 1.5%, 3%  | 1–2 drops TID or<br>QID  | Used in patients allergic to<br>or intolerant of other miotics.<br>May be used as frequently<br>as every 4 hours. Corneal<br>penetration is enhanced by<br>benzalkonium chloride in<br>commercial preparations.<br>Side effects are similar to<br>those of pilocarpine |
|  |   |  | chloride as a preservative.<br>Contains the preservative<br>SofZia that may be better<br>tolerated   |  |   |  |                     |   | p. 1156  |  |
| Bimatoprost (Lumigan) Prostamide 0.01%, 0.03% 1 drop once a day at bedtime |   |  | BID dosing may be less<br>effective than QHS dosing.   |  | p. 11   |  |                     |   |  |  |
|  |   |  |  | May cause increased<br>pigmentation of the iris and<br>eyelid. Systemic side effects<br>are rare but include colds<br>and upper respiratory tract<br>infections and headache.<br>May be more effective than<br>timolol and latanoprost   |   | Echothiophate<br>iodide<br>(phospholine<br>iodide) | Anticholinesterase  | 0.125%  | 1 drop BII   | D Long duration, although<br>usually dosed BID,<br>which enhances<br>compliance. Available as<br>powder + diluent; after<br>reconstitution, stable 30  |
| Tafluprost<br>(Zioptan)  | Prostaglandin F2α<br>agonist              | 0.0015%<br>preservative-free<br>dropperette  | l drop once a day<br>at bedtime  | BID dosing may be less<br>effective than QHS dosing.<br>May cause increased<br>pigmentation of the iris and<br>eyelid. Systemic side effects<br>are rare but include common<br>cold, cough, headache, and<br>urinary tract infections.   |   |  |                     |   |  | days at room<br>temperature, 6 months<br>refrigerated. Side<br>effects similar to those<br>of pilocarpine. Increased<br>cataract formation has<br>been associated with its   |






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We use surgical therapy as a first-line approach only for patients with severe visual field loss at baseline, and as a second-line approach for those patients with advanced open-angle glaucoma who have not responded to medications or laser therapy. Patients with open-angle glaucoma, regardless of whether they are treated with medications, laser, or surgical treatment, require lifetime therapy and monitoring of intraocular pressure (IOP), the optic disc, and visual fields.

#### **Hyperosmotic Agents**

| Generic    | Mode of<br>Administration | Strength                | Onset            | Peak          | Duration  | Dose          | Ocular<br>Penetration | Distribution |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Mannitol   | IV                        | 5%, 10%,<br>15%,<br>20% | 30–60<br>minutes | 1 hour        | 6–8 hours | 1–2<br>g/kg   | Very poor             | E            |
| Glycerin   | РО                        | 50%                     | 10–30<br>minutes | 30<br>minutes | 4–5 hours | 1–1.5<br>g/kg | Poor                  | E            |
| Isosorbide | РО                        | 45%                     | 10–30<br>minutes | 1 hour        | 5 hours   | 1.5–2<br>g/kg | Good                  | TBW          |



### Hordeolum (stye)

- It is an **abscess of the eyelid** that presents as a **localized painful** and **erythematous swelling**.
- *Staphylococcus aureus* is the pathogen implicated in most cases, but hordeola can also be **sterile**.
- Patients with **underlying skin conditions** that affect the eyelids (eg, **rosacea** and **seborrheic dermatitis**) are prone to having frequent episodes of hordeolum.
- Eye makeup, particularly eye makeup contaminated by bacteria, can cause hordeola by clogging and inflaming gland pores.



### Hordeolum (stye)

- Hordeola can be managed with:
  - Warm, moist compresses placed on the affected areas frequently (eg, for 5 to 10 minutes three to five times per day)

• Massage and gentle wiping of the affected eyelid after the warm compress can also aid in drainage.

• Patients should discontinue eye makeup to support healing.

### Hordeolum (stye)

- Hordeola can be managed with:
  - There is **little evidence** that treatment with **topical antibiotics** and/or glucocorticoids promotes healing
  - Patients who have frequent hordeola in the setting of rosacea-associated blepharitis and who do not achieve adequate improvement with warm compresses and mechanical removal of lid margin debris may respond to a topical antibiotic/corticosteroid ointment combination.

If, despite management with warm compresses, the lesion does not reduce in size within one to two weeks, the patient should be referred to an ophthalmologist for consideration of incision and drainage.

#### Chalazion

• It typically presents as a **painless localized eyelid swelling.** 

• Examination of the inner eyelid reveals a non-tender rubbery nodule.

• Chalazia and hordeola can have as similar appearance; however, chalazia tend to be painless and are less erythematous and angry-appearing.



#### Chalazion

- Small chalazia often resolve without intervention over days to weeks.
- For larger lesions, draining can be facilitated by using warm compresses placed on the face for about 15 minutes four times per day.
- Antibiotics are not indicated since chalazion is a granulomatous condition.
- Patients with **persistent lesions** should be referred to an **ophthalmologist** for consideration of **incision and curettage** or **glucocorticoid injection**.

# Pterygium

- Triangular wedge of **fibrovascular conjunctival tissue** that typically starts medially on the **nasal conjunctiva** and extends laterally onto the **cornea**.
- Although benign in the sense that pterygium is **not cancerous**, it can have **important adverse effects on vision** if proliferation approaches or reaches the **visual axis**.
- Worldwide prevalence of pterygium varies from 1 to 25 percent.







# Pterygium

- Patients with a small pterygium can be **treated symptomatically** for **redness and irritation** with **artificial tears** or other **ocular lubricants**.
- They can be given 1 to 2 drops to affected area three to four times daily.
- **Preservative-free preparations** should be used in patients who have irritative symptoms with preservatives or who need to use lubrication **more than four times per day**.
- The management of patients with **larger lesions** that impair visual acuity or eye movement usually involves **surgical excision of the pterygium**.



Treatment with topical decongestants, nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), and glucocorticoids may also be effective for symptomatic relief of pterygium, but are all associated with adverse effects which limit their use. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitors have been proposed to block angiogenesis responsible for pterygium formation.

Small cases series found that **intralesional bevacizumab**, **but not ranibizumab**, injections help to decrease size of primary pterygium.



• Conjunctivitis literally means "inflammation of the conjunctiva.

- The conjunctiva is the **mucous membrane** that lines the inside surface of the lids and covers the surface of the globe up to the limbus (the junction of the sclera and the cornea).
- The conjunctiva is generally transparent.
- When it is inflamed, as in conjunctivitis, it appears pink or red on general inspection.

### Anatomy of the conjunctiva Superior tarsal conjunctiva -Cornea Bulbar conjunctiva (over sclera) 100011 Inferior tarsal conjunctiva



#### Infectious (bacterial or viral)

Non-infectious

(allergic, toxic, or nonspecific)

• Bacterial

• Patients with bacterial conjunctivitis typically complain of **redness** and **discharge** in **one eye**, although it can also be **bilateral**.

• The **purulent discharge** continues **throughout the day** and is **thick** and globular; it may be **yellow, white, or green**.

#### • Bacterial

• On examination, patients with bacterial conjunctivitis typically have **purulent discharge** at the **lid margins** and in the **corners of the eye** which **reappears** within minutes of wiping the lids.

• Bacterial conjunctivitis is commonly caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcuspneumoniae*, *Haemophilus in*fl*uenzae*, and *Moraxella catarrhalis* 

#### • Viral

# • It is typically caused by **adenovirus**, with many serotypes implicated.

OViral conjunctivitis is highly contagious.

#### • Viral

• Viral conjunctivitis typically presents as conjunctival injection with watery or mucoserous discharge and a burning, sandy, or gritty feeling in one eye.

• The second eye usually becomes involved within 24 to 48 hours, although unilateral signs and symptoms do not rule out a viral process.

• Viral conjunctivitis is a self-limited process.

#### • Viral

• Ocular herpes is common and can be caused by **herpes simplex virus** or, less commonly, by the **varicella-zoster virus** (herpes zoster ophthalmicus).

• In addition to **pain, tearing, eye redness, sensitivity to light**, the patient develops a **foreign body sensation** and multiple corneal infiltrates sometimes visible.



• Allergic

• It is caused by **airborne allergens** contacting the eye that trigger a classic **type I immunoglobulin E (IgE)**-mediated hypersensitivityresponse specific to that allergen.

• It typically presents as bilateral redness, watery discharge, and itching.

• Itching is the cardinal symptom of allergy, distinguishing it from a viral etiology, which is more typically described as grittiness, burning, or irritation.


## Distinguishing types of acute conjunctivitis

|                          | Bacterial   | Viral  | Allergic  |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| Systemic symptoms.       | Usually none.   | May be part of a viral<br>prodrome followed by<br>adenopathy, fever,<br>pharyngitis, and upper<br>respiratory tract infection.<br>There may be an enlarged<br>and tender preauricular<br>node. | Nasal congestion, sneezing,<br>wheezing.  |
| Itching.                 | Limited to none.  | Limited to none. Primary<br>complaint is grittiness,<br>burning or irritation.   | Primary complaint. May also<br>report grittiness, burning, or<br>irritation.  |
| Ocular discharge.        | Purulent, may be yellow,<br>white, or green. Recurs at lid<br>margins and corners of the<br>eye within minutes of wiping<br>lids. | Watery with strands of mucus.  | Watery.   |
| Conjunctival appearance. | Pink or red.  | Pink or red. Very rarely<br>hemorrhagic. Tarsal<br>conjunctiva may have a<br>follicular or "bumpy"<br>appearance.  | Pink. Bulbar conjunctiva may<br>be chemotic (puffy). Tarsal<br>conjunctiva may have a<br>follicular or "bumpy"<br>appearance. |



Trifluridine (TFT) is the drug of choice for ocular herpes.

One drop of trifluridine 1% ophthalmic solution should be instilled into the affected eye every 2 hours while awake with a maximal daily dose of nine drops.

After re-epithelialization, application of trifluridine should be continued for an additional 7 days at a reduced dosage of <u>one</u> <u>drop every 4 hours</u> while awake with a minimum of <u>five drops daily</u>. Continuous administration of Trifluridine for periods exceeding 21 days is not recommended because of potential ocular toxicity. The acyclovir 3% ointment dose usually is a 1cm ribbon of ointment instilled <u>5 times</u> <u>a day at 4-hour intervals for 14 days</u> or for at least 3 days after healing is completed, whichever is shorter. Ophthalmic corticosteroids (either alone or in combination steroid/antibiotic drops) are not effective and have no role in the management of acute conjunctivitis by primary care clinicians.

| Ί | 'opical ( | Ophthalmic | Medications | Commonly | Used for | Allergic Co | onjunctivitis |
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|   |           |            |             |          |          |             |               |

| Generic Name<br>(Example Brand Product)                   | Available Dosage<br>Forms/Strength   | Dose   |
|---|--|--|
| Antihistamines  |  |  |
| Azelastine (Optivar)<br>Emedastine (Emadine)              | Ophthalmic solution: 0.05%<br>Ophthalmic solution: 0.05%                     | Adults and children ≥3 years: 1 drop in the affected eye(s) every 12 hours<br>Adults and children ≥3 years: 1 drop in the affected eye(s) up to<br>4 times daily |
| Antihistamine/Decongestan                                 | t Combinations   |  |
| Pheniramine + Naphazoline<br>(Naphcon-A) <sup>a</sup>     | Ophthalmic solution: naphazoline<br>HCl 0.025% + pheniramine<br>maleate 0.3% | Adults and children ≥6 years: 1–2 drops in the affected eye(s) every 6 hours for up to 3 days  |
| Antihistamine/Mast-Cell Sta                               | bilizers   |  |
| Ketotifen (Zaditor) <sup>a</sup>                          | Ophthalmic solution: 0.025%  | Adults and children $\geq$ 3 years: 1 drop in the affected eye(s) every 8–12 hours   |
| Olopatadine (Pataday)<br>Mast-Cell Stabilizers            | Ophthalmic solution: 0.2%  | Adults and children $\geq \! 3$ years: 1 drop in the affected eye(s) daily   |
| Cromolyn Sodium (Crolom)                                  | Ophthalmic solution: 4%  | Adults and children $\geq$ 4 years: 1–2 drops in the affected eye(s)<br>4–6 times daily  |
| Lodoxamide (Alomide)                                      | Ophthalmic solution: 0.1%  | Adults and children $\geq 2$ years: 1–2 drops in affected eye(s)<br>4 times daily for up to 3 mos  |
| Nedocromil (Alocril)                                      | Ophthalmic solution: 2%  | Adults and children $\geq$ 3 years: 1–2 drops in the affected eye(s) every 12 hours  |
| Pemirolast (Alamast)<br><b>Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflamma</b> | Ophthalmic solution: 0.1%<br>tory Drugs <sup>b</sup>                         | Adults and children $\geq$ 3 years: 1–2 drops in the affected eye(s) 4 times daily   |
| Ketorolac (Acular)<br><b>Corticosteroids</b>              | Ophthalmic solution: 0.5%  | Adults and children $\geq$ 3 years: 1 drop in the affected eye(s) 4 times daily  |
| Loteprednol (Alrex)                                       | Ophthalmic suspension 0.2%   | Adults: 1 drop in the affected eye(s) 4 times daily  |
| Available without a prescription                          |  |  |

"Available without a prescription. <sup>b</sup>Other ophthalmic nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (diclofenac, flurbiprofen, suprofen) indicated for intraoperative miosis and for postcataract surgery, but not approved for allergic conjunctivitis.

## Routes of administration for ocular delivery of corticosteroids





| <b>Relative anti-inflammatory</b> | properties of certain | ocular corticosteroids |
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Corticosteroid agent

Relative anti-inflammatory potency

| Hydrocortisone                 | 1     |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Prednisolone/prednisone        | 4     |
| Methyl prednisone              | 5     |
| Triamcinolone                  | 5     |
| Fluocinolone acetonide         | 25    |
| Betamethasone                  | 25    |
| Dexamethasone sodium phosphate | 25    |
| Dexamethasone                  | 25–30 |

The use of a topical ophthalmic decongestant should be limited to 3 to 5 days due to risk of rebound conjunctivitis.









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• Seasonal allergic conjunctivitis: 1 drop into affected eye(s) 4 times daily.

• **Postoperative inflammation/pain:** 1 to 2 drops into the conjunctival sac of the affected eye(s) 4 times daily beginning 24 hours after surgery and continuing throughout the first 2 weeks of the postoperative period.



- Seasonal allergic conjunctivitis (ocular itching): 1 drop into affected eye(s) 4 times daily
- Postoperative ocular inflammation following cataract extraction: 1 drop into affected eye(s) 4

times daily beginning 24 hours after surgery; continue for 2 weeks

















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