



INFORMATION SHEET: CONJUNCTIVITIS

Conjunctivitis literally means inflammation of the eye. It can be caused by a bacterial infection sometimes an allergic reaction

1. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

- The white of the eye will be red
- The eye may feel gritty
- There may be a watery or yellow discharge
- The eyelid may be swollen
- The infection often travels to the other eye

2. TREATMENT:

Topical antibacterial drops or cream are usually prescribed to treat conjunctivitis.

3. PREVENTION:

- Most commonly it is spread by direct contact with the discharge tract of the infected person.
- Do not share clothing, towels, wash cloths, pillows
- Ensure good hand washing.

4. SCHOOL POLICY:

Child can return to school 24 hrs after commencement of eye drops

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