

EYE PROBLEMS - EYE INFECTION: BACTERIAL

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SYMPTOMS

Mild discomfort
Burning
Itching
Blurred vision

SIGNS

Red eye
Matted material in lids and corners of eye
Swelling around eye

DIAGNOSIS

1. Perform {EYE EXAMINATION} (SODF: ISS MED: EYE).
2. Contact Surgeon with results.
If branch like staining pattern appears, refer to {EYE PROBLEMS - EYE INFECTION: HERPETIC} (SODF: ISS MED: EYE).
3. Treatment
Antibiotic choices:

DRUG HELP

Polytrim Ophthalmic Solution and Ciloxan Ophthalmic Solution work equally well. Polytrim Ophthalmic Solution should be first choice. It contains a sulfa antibiotic and should be avoided if allergic to sulfa drugs.

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Polytrim Ophthalmic Solution (Trimethoprim Sulfate/Polymixin B)
(P2-A4) - Topical antimicrobial ophthalmic solution

Dose: 1 drop on affected eye 6 times/day

Possible side effects

Local burning or discomfort, hypersensitivity reactions consisting of lid swelling, itching, redness, or rash

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AMP Ciloxan Ophthalmic Solution (Ciprofloxacin) (P2-A11) - Antimicrobial
(blue) solution for topical ophthalmic use

Dose: 1 drop in affected eye 4 times/day

Possible side effects

Local burning or discomfort

Use may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms, including fungi. Requires close observation.

4. Contact Surgeon before replacing contact lenses.