

# EYE PROBLEMS - EYE INFECTION: HERPETIC

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## SYMPTOMS

Tearing  
Pain  
Sensitivity to light

## SIGNS

Red eye  
Corneal ulcers showing branch-like pattern when fluorescein-stained

## DIAGNOSIS

Complete EYE EXAM, refer to {EYE EXAMINATION} (SODF: ISS MED: EYE).

1. Contact Surgeon with results.  
If bacterial infection suspected, refer to {EYE PROBLEMS - EYE INFECTION: BACTERIAL}, {EYE PROBLEMS - EYE INFECTION: VIRAL} or {EYE PROBLEMS - CORNEAL ULCER} (SODF: ISS MED: EYE)
2. If Fluorescein Stain shows branch-like pattern, administer VIRA-A Ointment.

### NOTE

Both of these agents should be used simultaneously.  
VIRA-A is anti-viral and Ciloxan is anti-bacterial.

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VIRA-A (Vidarabine Ophthalmic Ointment) (P2-A3) - Antiviral ointment

Dose: 1 cm in lower conjunctival sac (pull down on lower lid to place ointment) 5 times/day at 3-hour intervals

Possible side effects

Burning, irritation, foreign body sensation, pain

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3. Instill Ciloxan Ophthalmic Solution (Ciprofloxacin) (P2-A11) - Antimicrobial solution for topical ophthalmic use

Dose: 1 drop in affected eye, 4 times/day

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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.