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PINKEYE

What is pinkeye?

Pinkeye (conjunctivitis) can be caused by bacteria, viruses, an allergic reaction, or even chemicals that get in the eye. It is contagious if caused by bacteria or virus.

Your child may have one or more of the following symptoms:

Redness around the eyes	Watery eyes
Itchy eyes	Drainage from the eyes (yellow, green, or clear)
Puffy eyelids	Eyes matted shut (crusted) with drainage
Cold symptoms	Fever

How is pinkeye treated?

- Treatment depends on the cause, and may include eye drops or medicine to take by mouth (if there is another associated infection).
- Avoid wearing contact lenses while pinkeye is being treated.
- If your child has crusting or drainage, gently wipe it away with a warm washcloth, starting in the nose corner of the eye and wiping outward.
- Give medication (either drops or oral medicine) as directed by your doctor.
- Wash your hands after putting any eye drops in.
- Make sure your child is washing his hands frequently, especially if he is rubbing at the eye a lot. Waterless hand gel may be a good option.
- Do not let your child share towels, washcloths, pillows, or sheets with anyone else in the house
- Wash sheets and towels in hot water

Call our office if:

- Your child has a lot of pain in or around the eyes.
- Your child has a lot of swelling around the eyes.
- Your child has a high fever.
- Your child has blurry vision.
- Your child does not seem to be getting better after 2-3 days of medication.

For any urgent or emergent medical concerns, please call 911 or go immediately to the nearest emergency department.