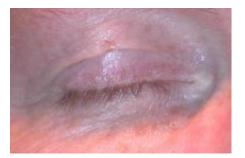
Eye care in the ICU

Grade 0: Lids completely closed



No action required

Grade 1: Any conjunctival exposure (any white of the eye being visible) but no corneal exposure



EYES NEED LUBRICATING EVERY 4 HOURS

- · Clean off old ointment before putting in new
- Pull lower lid down and instil ointment onto eye between lower lid and conjunctiva
- Always check corneal clarity with bright light:
 IF NOT CLEAR ALERT MEDICAL STAFF

Grade 2: Any corneal exposure, even a tiny amount



EYES NEED LUBRICATING AND LIDS TAPING

- Apply ointment as for Grade 1
- Close lids, ensure lashes outside eye & lids free of ointment
- Tape upper lid down with micropore tape horizontally
- Always check corneal clarity with bright light:
 IF NOT CLEAR ALERT MEDICAL STAFF

Prone patient? Major risk to eye in all cases

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- Apply ointment as for Grade 1
- Close lids, ensures lashes outside eye and lids free of ointment micropore tape horizontally
- Always check corneal clarity with bright light: IF NOT CLEAR ALERT MEDICAL STAFF

Red eye?

Red and sticky

- Take swab
- Use chloramphenicol ointment QDS to eye
- Condition is contagious and can be transmitted to other patients
- IF NO BETTER IN 24 HOURS, ALERT MEDICAL STAFF

Red, but not sticky

- Is the cornea clear or does it stain with fluorescein drops?
- If clear cornea, or simple abrasion, check lubrication schedule and consider lid taping
- If corneal opacity or eye not dry, ALERT MEDICAL STAFF