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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.**