

**STANDING ORDER****EYE PROBLEMS****I. ASSESSMENT**

- A. Assess for inflammation, drainage, foreign body, laceration, ruptured blood vessel, or visual disturbances.

**II. MANAGEMENT**

- A. Lacerations, non-removable foreign body, or penetrating injuries will be transported to the emergency room.
- B. Cover eyes with patch or sterile 4 x 4 before transport.
- C. To extract foreign bodies, flush eye with sterile normal saline or first aid eye wash. Evert the lower conjunctival sac, instruct the patient to look up, allow irrigating fluid to flow from the inner canthus to the outer canthus along the conjunctival sac.
- D. For inflamed eye with drainage, refer to the Facility Provider for medication orders.
- E. For irritated, dry, reddened eye with no drainage, Patient may use sterile artificial tears, two drops per eye QID and PRN.
- F. For chemicals in the eye, flush with water (from faucet) continuously for 15 minutes. Refer to MDS for instructions, then call Poison Control 1-800-222-1222, or transport to SCMC ER for follow up – if necessary.

**III. EVALUATION**

- A. If irritation persists after treatment, reassess eye and call the Facility Provider for instructions.