Chemical Conjunctivitis

You have an irritation of the eye caused by contact with chemicals or irritants. This will usually cause burning and irritation of the eye. It may cause blurred vision for 1-3 days. Treatment includes rinsing the eye out thoroughly with a special solution. This will remove all the chemical irritants and minimize the damage. Antibiotic ointment or drops may be prescribed. This is done to prevent infection and soothe the eye.

Rest your eye as much as possible while it is painful. Stay out of bright light or wear dark sun glasses. Do not read until your eye is better. Do not rub your eye for at least 2 weeks. This may interfere with proper healing. **If you wear contact lenses, do not use them until your caregiver says it is safe**. If your caregiver has dilated your pupil, your vision will be blurred for about 24 hours. Remember to wear proper eye protection when you work with hazardous chemicals.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOU DEVELOP:

- More pain.
- Persistent irritation.
- Blurred vision lasting more than 2 days.
- Increased discharge from your eye.

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