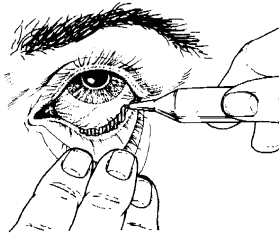


Appendix 7 EYE EXPOSURE TO CHEMICALS

After a chemical injury, and if advised medically, it can be useful to stain the eye with fluorescein to highlight any area of corneal or conjunctival damage.

- The paper strip, which contains the dye, should be drawn gently across the everted (rolled back) lower lid with the casualty looking upwards;
- If there is an area of the eye which stains green with fluorescein, apply antibiotic eye ointment to prevent the eyelid sticking to the eyeball.

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- Apply antibiotic eye ointment every 2 hours and cover the eye with a dry sterile eye dressing pad. Hold in place securely by using sticking plaster.
- Treatment should be continued for 24 hours after the eye is no longer inflamed, and is white.

After 48 hours, reapply the fluorescein paper strip as above. If there is an area of the eye which continues to stain green, reapply antibiotic eye ointment and a sterile eye dressing pad, and **urgently evacuate the casualty to a hospital with eye treatment facilities.**

