

the clinical manifestations ([Box 6-3](#)), although cultures of purulent drainage may be needed to identify the specific cause.

### **Box 6-3**

## **Clinical Manifestations of Conjunctivitis**

### **Bacterial Conjunctivitis (“Pink Eye”)**

Purulent drainage

Crusting of eyelids, especially on awakening

Inflamed conjunctiva

Swollen lids

### **Viral Conjunctivitis**

Usually occurs with upper respiratory tract infection

Serous (watery) drainage

Inflamed conjunctiva

Swollen lids

### **Allergic Conjunctivitis**

Itching

Watery to thick, stringy discharge

Inflamed conjunctiva

Swollen lids

### **Conjunctivitis Caused by Foreign Body**

Tearing

Pain