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# Pink Eye

**Also called:** Conjunctivitis


Conjunctivitis is the medical name for pink eye. It involves inflammation of the outer layer of the eye and inside of the eyelid. It can cause swelling, itching, burning, discharge, and redness. Causes include:

- Bacterial or viral infection
- Allergies
- Substances that cause irritation
- Contact lens products, eye drops, or eye ointments

Pink eye usually does not affect vision. Infectious pink eye can easily spread from one person to another. The infection will clear in most cases without medical care, but bacterial pink eye needs treatment with antibiotic eye drops or ointment.

*NIH: National Eye Institute*

## Start Here

- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) [<https://www.cdc.gov/conjunctivitis/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Pink Eye [<https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/eye-conditions-and-diseases/pink-eye>]  (National Eye Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.nei.nih.gov/espanol/aprenda-sobre-la-salud-ocular/enfermedades-y-afecciones-de-los-ojos/conjuntivitis-aguda>]
- Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/pink-eye/symptoms-causes/syc-20376355?p=1>]  
(Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/diseases-conditions/pink-eye/symptoms-causes/syc-20376355?p=1>]

## Diagnosis and Tests

- Dilating Eye Drops [<https://www.aapos.org/glossary/dilating-eye-drops>]  
(American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus)

## Treatments and Therapies

- Choosing Wisely When It Comes to Eye Care: Antibiotics for Pink Eye [<https://www.aao.org/eye-health/news/choosing-wisely-antibiotics-pink-eye>] (American Academy of Ophthalmology)


## Specifics

- What Are Eye Allergies? [<https://www.aao.org/eye-health/diseases/allergies>] (American Academy of Ophthalmology)


## Images

- Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) [<https://skinsight.com/skin-conditions/conjunctivitis-pink-eye/?lmiw9cApl=1>] (VisualDX)

## Statistics and Research

- Eye Health Data and Statistics [<https://www.nei.nih.gov/learn-about-eye-health/eye-health-data-and-statistics>]  
 (National Eye Institute)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.nei.nih.gov/espanol/aprenda-sobre-la-salud-ocular/datos-y-estadisticas-relacionadas-con-la-salud-ocular>]

## Clinical Trials

- ClinicalTrials.gov: Conjunctivitis [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Conjunctivitis%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

## Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Pretreatment Demodex infestation predicts dupilumab-associated blepharoconjunctivitis in atopic dermatitis. [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40728232>]
- Article: Seasonal Variation in Conjunctivitis in Saudi Arabia and Reduction of Searches... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40690606>]
- Article: Use of Large Language Models to Classify Epidemiological Characteristics in Synthetic... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40601927>]
- Pink Eye -- see more articles [<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%22Conjunctivitis%22%5Bmajr%3Anoexp%5D+AND+humans%5Bmh%5D+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+%22last+2+Years%22+%5Bedat%5D+NOT+%28letter%5Bpt%5D+OR+case+reports%5Bpt%5D+OR+editorial%5Bpt%5D+OR+comment%5Bpt%5D%29+AND+free+full+text%5Bsb%5D+>]

## Find an Expert

- National Eye Institute [<https://www.nei.nih.gov/>] 

## Children

- Pink Eye in Newborns [<https://www.cdc.gov/conjunctivitis/newborns/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Pinkeye (Conjunctivitis) (For Parents) [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/conjunctivitis.html>] (Nemours Foundation)  
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/parents/conjunctivitis.html>]

## Teenagers

- Pinkeye (Conjunctivitis) [<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/conjunctivitis.html>] (Nemours Foundation)  
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/teens/conjunctivitis.html>]

## Patient Handouts

- Allergic conjunctivitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001031.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001031.htm>]
- Conjunctivitis or pink eye [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001010.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001010.htm>]
- Vernal conjunctivitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001390.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001390.htm>]



## MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

Allergic conjunctivitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001031.htm>]

Chemosis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003038.htm>]

Conjunctivitis or pink eye [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001010.htm>]

Neonatal conjunctivitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001606.htm>]

Vernal conjunctivitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001390.htm>]

## National Institutes of Health

The primary NIH organization for research on *Pink Eye* is the National Eye Institute [<https://nei.nih.gov/>]

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