

Eye Irrigation

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Paramedic

Clinical Indications:

1. Any patient who has a suspected foreign body in the eye(s) or who has had chemicals splashed in their eye(s).

Procedure:

1. Place the patient on the gurney in a semi-fowler position.
2. Have the patient attempt to remove contact lenses, if present.
3. Affix a nasal cannula across the bridge of the nose such that the cannula nares are pointing down towards the eyes.
4. Secure the tubing to prevent accidental movement of the nasal cannula.
5. Attach the nasal cannula to a Normal Saline IV bag and continuously flush the eyes for a minimum of 15 minutes. If the patient feels relief, continuously flushing may continue until arrival at hospital.

