

## USA HEALTH: DEPARTMENT of EMERGENCY MEDICINE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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### SUBJECT: Ophthalmology Consults in the UH ED

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The procedure for consulting ophthalmology is the same regardless of time, day of week, or holidays.

1. Complete the ophthalmology consultation form and give it to the unit clerk to fax to Vision Partners. The unit clerk will also need to fax the patient's face sheet.
2. For patients needing immediate consultation in the ED, only the EM attending or upper-level resident is to call the ophthalmologists on call (not students or interns).
  - a. A visual acuity (VA) must be complete prior to consultation, with the best corrected vision reported (with glasses if the patient has them).
    - i. If unable to get a VA with a Snellen eye chart, describe the patient's vision as no light perception, light perception, or hand waving etc.
    - ii. If the patient is intubated and this is the reason for a lack of VA state this as the reason.
  - b. Extra ocular movements and pupillary response should also be documented.
  - c. When appropriate, obtain an intraocular pressure prior to consultation.
3. For patients needing ophthalmology follow up, but not immediate consultation, faxing the ophthalmology consultation form and providing the patient with the number to call Vision Partners/Southern Eye Group office to call the following business day is adequate.
  - a. The office number is 251-650-2020.
4. Go to [www.vp2020.com/events](http://www.vp2020.com/events) to identify the physician on call and contact the listed on call physician. On call shift coverage changes at 1700 on the day the ophthalmologist is listed on call.
  - a. Dr. Leonard Rich 251-533-2020
  - b. Dr. Yaffa Weaver 251-533-1744
  - c. Dr. Jeffrey St. John 251-767-2380
  - d. Dr. Alinda McGowin 205-826-2893
  - e. If an immediate consultation is needed and the physician on call does not answer, escalate to calling either Dr. Rich or Dr. Weaver.

#### Notes:

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