Eye Decon Guideline

Inclusion

Suspected eye contamination
(Eye decon may start during general decon.)

Exclusion

Penetrating eye injury/ruptured globe

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Decon

Initial Care

- Remove contact lenses, if possible.
- Irrigate eyes with water, normal saline, or lactated Ringer's.
- Continuously irrigate contaminated eyes throughout transport, if possible.

Patient Care During Eye Decon

- Eye decon should not delay other patient treatments.

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Decon

Initial Care

- Put 2 drops of tetracaine into affected eye(s). Repeat every 5 to 10 minutes, as needed to relieve eye discomfort.
- If possible, place eye irrigation lens under eyelids.
- Continuously irrigate contaminated eyes throughout transport, if possible.
- Irrigate eyes with water, normal saline, or lactated Ringer's until conjunctival sac pH is 7 after exposure to acids & bases.
- For non-acids and non-bases, discontinue when eyes are no longer irritated.

Patient Care During Eye Decon

- Eye decon should not delay other patient treatments.
- If there are abnormal vital signs, insert IV/IO, supply supplemental oxygen (O_2), & apply cardiac monitor.
- Evaluate for a toxidrome &, if present, treat using the applicable guideline.

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