Conjunctivitis

(various viruses and bacteria)

A common, acute, viral or bacterial infection of the eyes. Symptoms include sore, itchy eyes and discharge.

Transmission

Direct or indirect contact with secretions from infected eyes.

Incubation period

1 to 3 days.

Infectious period

While eye discharge is present (if cause was viral or bacterial).

Exclusion

Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.

Treatment

Treatment as recommended by doctor – refer to doctor.

Contacts

Do not exclude.

Immunisation

None available.