

Conjunctivitis

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Conjunctivitis is an infection of the white part of the eye. It can be a bacterial infection which causes a discharge or it can be viral in which case the eye will be red and sore but not have a discharge. For viral infections it needs to be allowed to run its course. For bacterial infections you will be given an antibiotic to put in your affected eye.

Either way it is not serious but can be contagious; ensure that you use your own flannel, soap and towel. Wash your hands before and after inserting your eye drops. If the infection spreads to the other eye use the drops in that eye as well. If the eyes are sticky bathe them with cool water which has been boiled.

Do not use the drops on anyone else.

The infection should clear up within 1-2 weeks. If it does not do so then please ring the NHS 111 for further advice.