

WHEN TO REFER TO THE OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPARTMENT
TEL Acute 01234 792643 OR routine 01234 792290. FAX 01234 795914

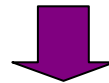
IMMEDIATE

Between 9-5 contact Eye Clinic.
 From 5 pm – Ophthalmologist on call, L&D Hospital



WITHIN 24 HOURS

Contact Eye Clinic
 01234 792643



WITHIN ONE-TWO WEEKS

Fax referral letter with patient
 contact details to 01234 795914



NOT EMERGENCIES

Refer routinely or if not responding to treatment



- Possible acute glaucoma
- Chemical burn* (check PH & irrigate 1st)
- Corneal laceration/ocular perforation (obtain X-ray)
- Intra ocular FB (obtain x-ray)
- Severe blunt trauma
- Hypopyon (pus in anterior chamber)
- Orbital Cellulitis
- Central retinal artery occlusion (less than 4 hours onset)
- Giant cell arteritis with visual disturbance
- Sudden explained severe visual loss of < 12 hours
- Painful eye/sudden drop in vision <2 months post intra-ocular surgery
- Endophthalmitis

- Lid lacerations
- Orbital fractures – (Consider A/E first)
- Acute dacryocystitis
- Corneal abrasion/ocular surface foreign body
- Neonatal conjunctivitis
- Acute corneal graft problems
- Corneal ulcer
- Hyphaema (blood in AC)
- Severe iritis
- Retinal detachment/tear
- Non-diabetic vitreous haemorrhage
- Acute III nerve palsy with pain/acute painful double vision
- Severe eye pain

- Severe conjunctivitis unresponsive to treatment
- Acute contact lens problem
- Episcleritis/Scleritis
- Herpes simplex
- Herpes zoster ophthalmicus with eye involvement
- Non-severe iritis
- Bells palsy with painful red eye
- Acute distortion in vision/scotoma – possible wet AMD
- Diabetic vitreous haemorrhage
- Proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- New floaters & flashes with mild reduction vision
- Papilloedema

- Ectropion/entropion
- Blepharitis
- Chalazion
- Watery eye
- Allergic conjunctivitis
- Mild – moderate conjunctivitis
- Pterygium
- Chronic red eye
- Dry eyes
- Non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- Retinal vein occlusions
- Floaters with good vision/normal retina
- Non-acute glaucoma
- Non-acute eye conditions