



Scarborough  
College

## EYE IRRIGATION PROTOCOL

- 1 **Is the situation safe?** If not make it safe.
- 2 Move the casualty to a quiet area and sit them down.
- 3 Telephone the School Nurse on extension **212** or mobile **07974305104**.
- 4 If unclear about how to proceed with chemical incidents, locate **HAZCARDS** which is in the chemistry preparation room, in a black file which is labelled, or call **CLEAPSS 01895 251496**.
- 5 Put eye irrigation tube firmly on tap.
- 6 Put on a pair of gloves from the first aid box.
- 7 Lean the casualty towards the side of the injured eye.
- 8 Stand behind the casualty.
- 9 Hold the affected eyelids apart using your first and second finger against the orbital ridge.
- 10 Warn the patient the liquid is going to pass across the eye onto to towel.
- 11 Allow the solution to flow across the eye from inside towards the ear.
- 12 Ask the patient to look up and down and to either side.
- 13 Evert upper and lower lids whilst irrigating
- 14 Use gauze from the first aid box to stop solution wetting clothes.
- 15 Ensure that any solution spilled on to the floor is cleaned up immediately to prevent it becoming a **SLIP HAZARD!**
- 16 Complete an accident record form which is located in the medical centre, and report to the head of department, and Health and Safety Co-ordinator.

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