

## t-8 EYE INJURIES

### **PRIORITIES:**

- ABCs
- Treat life threatening injuries first
- Look for underlying injuries;
- Determine if patient's injury(s), history, mechanism of injury requires **"LOAD AND GO"** activities.
- Assure an advanced life support response.
- Administer oxygen to patients with eye injuries

### **Chemical Burns (Acid or Alkali)**

1. Immediately irrigate profusely with water or normal saline (at least two liters) on all chemical injuries (Check for and remove contacts)
2. Assess and monitor respiratory status for possible inhalation exposure of noxious fumes or chemicals
3. Avoid contaminating the other eye
4. Care should be taken to avoid self contamination.

### **Eye Trauma**

1. Cover both eyes loosely with no pressure to the globe;
2. Position patient sitting up, if comfortable.
3. Impaled objects should be stabilized and NOT removed.
4. If foreign bodies are embedded in the eye, cover BOTH eyes.
5. Assess for potential head and/or C-spine injury if mechanism of injury exists.