

RCH OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPARTMENT REFERRAL PRIORITY GUIDELINES

Under 16 years of age

<p>Group 1 / Urgent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataract • Corneal opacity • Diplopia – new onset • Glaucoma or Glaucoma Suspect • Newborn Sticky eyes (up to 2 weeks age) • Nystagmus-new or sudden onset • Neurological Strabismus • Painful red eye with loss of vision • Papilloedema/optic nerve head swelling • Peri orbital and Orbital Cellulitis • Proptosis • Retinopathy of prematurity • Retinoblastoma • Retinal tumors • Retinal Detachment <2 years of age (will need co-management with Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital) (Retinal Detachment >2years of age refer to Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital). • Sudden visual loss • Suspected shaken baby • Trauma • Uveitis 	<p>Phone the Ophthalmology Registrar on call on 9345 5522 to obtain appropriate prioritization and then fax referral with parents phone contact details to 9345 5715</p>
<p>Group 2 / Routine</p> <p>3 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haemangioma – see Referral Guidelines by Diagnosis <p>6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large chronic chalazia • Amblyopia <p>9 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyelids/malposition i.e. epiblepharon, ectropion, entropion, ptosis. <p>12 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non neurological Strabismus: Squint / esotropia / exotropia / hypertropia / hypotropia • Nystagmus - longstanding 	<p>May require follow up with local eye care provider in first instance.</p> <p>May require photographs to help with triage. Age and other comorbidities will effect triage criteria.</p> <p>See referral guidelines by diagnosis.</p> <p>See list of alternate eye care providers.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermoid • Sticky eyes/blocked tear ducts if symptoms >12 months - see guidelines for referral. 	
<p>Group 3 / Referral will be rejected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine vision check/screening • Myopia (non-syndromic <8 Dioptres) • Spectacle/glasses check • Child older than 8 years old who requires glasses for any reason and has not required amblyopia treatment • Child older than 10 years old who requires glasses for any reason and has had amblyopia treatment in the past • Chalazia (Meibomian cyst, eyelid cyst – unless large and chronic) • All Itchy eyes/Hayfever/Blepharitis (unless corneal involvement, or referred from internal source e.g. allergy/immunology) • All new referrals for children >12years old for longstanding strabismus, blurred vision or headaches. 	<p>These conditions are not routinely seen at the Royal Children's Hospital and the referral will be rejected.</p> <p>Recommend referral to, and follow up with alternate eye care provider.</p> <p>See list of alternate eye care providers.</p>
<p>Please note:</p> <p><u>For more detailed referral information see "RCH Referral Guidelines by Diagnosis".</u></p> <p>If you are concerned about the delay of the outpatient appointment or if there is any deterioration in the patient's condition, please contact one of the below numbers:</p> <p>Ophthalmology Department: 9345 6347</p> <p>Ophthalmology Registrar on call: 9345 5522</p> <p>Referral Triage coordinator: 9345 4117</p>	