



Queensland
Government

Children's Health Services

Royal Children's Hospital

Ophthalmology

Consultant Clinics

Chalazion or Stye

Initial work-up

- A. Chalazia/stye – lump in or beneath the skin of the eyelid**
- Chalazia and styes will often disappear on their own
 - Treat with warm compresses (clean, warm washcloth held against closed eyelid) for 2-5 minutes up to 20 times per day
 - Most will expand in size and then spontaneously rupture. Topical antibiotics are of no value in this situation
- B. Skin around the chalazion/stye appears cellulitic or painful**
- Commence chloramphenicol ointment or drops, or oral antibiotics as appropriate
 - Review in 1-2 days to re-evaluate

Refer when

- REFER NON-URGENTLY when chalazion/ stye is unresponsive to this treatment for more than 3 months
- **REFER IMMEDIATELY IF COMPLICATIONS ARE UNRESPONSIVE TO ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT**
- **Please call on-call PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY REGISTRAR on (07) 3636 3777 and send referral to addresses below. Highlight URGENT referral**

Clinical Advice: Tel (07) 3636 3777 and ask for Paediatric Ophthalmology Registrar or A/H (07) 3636 9005 Emergency Department

Referral Form Download: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rch/professionals/gp_referrals.asp

Send Referrals to: Medical Objects Address – QHEALTH, ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Fax: (07) 3636 7811 Mail: Outpatients Department
HealthLink Address - qldrchld Royal Children's Hospital
Herston Rd, HERSTON 4029

See final page for references, copyright, disclaimer and further contact details.

Provision of named referrals for all patients referred to the RCH will expedite patient access

Paediatrics Pre-referral Guidelines – Ophthalmology



Contact us

RCH Switchboard	(07) 3636 3777
Emergency Department	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPs only (clinical advice) (07) 3636 9005 • General enquiries (07) 3636 8085 • Triage nurse (07) 3636 7900 • ED Admission enquiries (07) 3636 7700 	
Admission Enquiries	(07) 3636 8307
Admission Enquiries After Hours (via the RCH Main Switch)	(07) 3636 3777
Poisons Information Centre	131126
Seriously Unwell Child: RCH Emergency Department	(07) 3636 9005

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These guidelines were reviewed and developed by specialists at the Royal Children’s Hospital and reviewed by a working group of metropolitan general practitioners in Queensland.

Feedback or suggestions welcomed. Contact the **Patient Safety and Quality Unit:** CHSD-PSQU@health.qld.gov.au

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