



Queensland
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Children's Health Services

Royal Children's Hospital

Ophthalmology

Consultant Clinics

Acute Eye Trauma

Initial work-up

- The listed presentations all require immediate referral to the Emergency Department.

Refer when

- Ruptured globe or penetrating eye injury
 - Presence of foreign body
 - Large hyphaemas (causing acute glaucoma)
 - Corneal burns, either chemical or thermal – alkalis penetrate deeper and have a greater potential for serious and delayed burns (irrigate immediately with water or sodium chloride solution 0.9%)
 - Contact lens related corneal infections (bacterial keratitis)
 - Retinal detachment
- **ALL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REFERRAL TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. Please fax your referral to the EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FAX ON (07) 3636 5381**
- **Please call on-call PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY REGISTRAR on (07) 3636 3777**

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

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

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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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