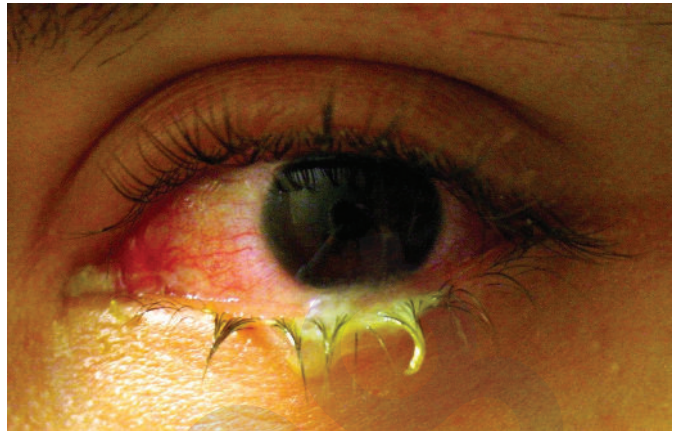


CONJUNCTIVITIS PATHOCHART

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Conjunctivitis, commonly referred to as "pink eye", is an infection of the membrane that covers the eye and lines the eyelids (conjunctiva). Infective pink eye, caused by a virus or bacteria, normally occurs in only one eye, although it can spread to both eyes. Pinkeye is very contagious and is easily spread through poor hand hygiene, which is why it is so common in children.



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ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

- Itching of the eye
- Pain and sensitivity to light
- Erythema and swelling of the eyelid
- Crusty appearance around eye
- Watery or purulent discharge from the eye

DIAGNOSTICS

- Clinical findings
- Culture of drainage

NURSING PRIORITIES

- Promote comfort
- Optimize sensory function
- Manage and prevent infection

THERAPEUTIC MANAGEMENT

- Antibiotic eye ointment
- Warm compress
- Avoid cross-contamination
- Wash all linens and towels

MEDICATION THERAPY

- Antibiotics eye drops/ointment
- Antihistamines
- Steroid eye drops
- Decongestant