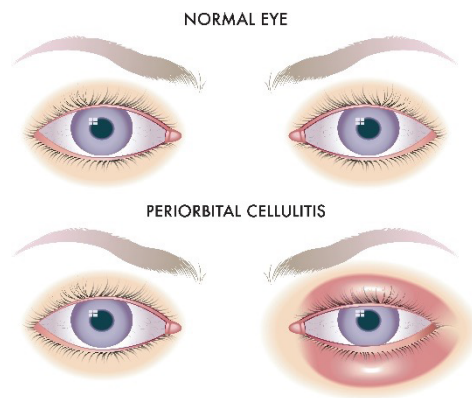


How to Care for Your Child with a Pre-Septal Cellulitis

This leaflet will provide you with information about Pre-Septal Cellulitis causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and home care advice.



What is a Pre-Septal Cellulitis?

Pre-Septal Cellulitis is an infection of the eyelid and the skin around the eye, not involving the eyeball or deeper tissue.

What are the causes of a Pre-Septal Cellulitis?

Common causes of Pre-Septal Cellulitis include:

- Insect bites
- Injuries around the eyes
- Nearby skin infection

What are the symptoms of Pre-Septal Cellulitis?

Your child may express some changes in the skin surrounding his/her eye like:

- Warm skin around the eyes
- Uneven swelling around the eyes
- Pain when touching the area
- Redness or color changes in the skin around the eyes
- Sometimes facial pain may occur

How is Pre-Septal Cellulitis Diagnosed?

The doctor will ask about your child's health and examine them. They may decide if further blood tests or other tests are needed. If there's a suspicion of a deeper infection, your child might need a CT scan to see how far the infection has spread.

How is Pre-Septal Cellulitis treated?

Treatment options may include:

- Oral antibiotics to treat infections
- Pain relief medicines to alleviate pain
- Cold compresses or ice packs to help reduce swelling around the eye
- In some cases, your child may need to stay in the hospital if they cannot take oral medicines

When should I take my child to the Emergency Department:

Take your child to the nearest Emergency Department if:

- He/she are unable move their eyes in all directions comfortably
- He/she becomes drowsy or less active
- Symptom are worsening despite taking the medicine **(increasing swelling, spreading infection, or persistent headaches)**
- Fever increases even after taking the medicine for two days or more

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