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### Conjunctivitis, Infant $\geq$ 29 Days of Age or Child

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These guidelines do not establish a standard of care to be followed in every case. It is recognized that each case is different and those individuals involved in providing health care are expected to use their judgment in determining what is in the best interests of the patient based on the circumstances existing at the time. It is impossible to anticipate all possible situations that may exist and to prepare guidelines for each. Accordingly, these guidelines should guide care with the understanding that departures from them may be required at times.

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Suspected Conjunctivitis in an  
Infant  $\geq 29$  days of age or a Child

Patient off Conjunctivitis guideline,  
Refer to Febrile Infant (REVISE) guideline

Yes

Is the infant  
 $\geq 29$  and  $\leq 60$  days of  
age  
and febrile?

No

Does pt. have  
conjunctival injection, AND  
mucopurulent discharge or  
history of glued eyes upon  
awakening?

Yes

Recommendations  
for Inclusion or  
Exclusion from  
Daycare/School

No

Consider alternative diagnoses:

- Allergies
- Foreign bodies
- Uveitis
- Keratitis
- [Nasolacrimal duct obstruction](#)
- [Dacryocystocele](#)

No

Is delayed  
treatment an  
option?

Yes

Treat for bacterial  
conjunctivitis

Delayed Treatment  
Option

Discharge patient to follow up with either  
Ophthalmology or primary care provider