

EYE INJURIES

- A. Perform **Initial Treatment / Universal Patient Care Protocol** and follow the proper protocol for medical management based on clinical presentation.
- B. Penetrating trauma to globe:
 - 1. Observe for bleeding and leakage of iris material or clear fluid.
 - 2. Do not palpate globe or apply any pressure to the eye.
 - 3. Shield injured eye and patch the non-injured eye.
 - 4. Stabilize impaled objects in place.
 - 5. Avoid unnecessary movement. Advise patient not to cough, sneeze or move.
- C. Ultraviolet light exposure (i.e., arc welder or sun lamp burns):
 - 1. Symptoms may be delayed 3 - 10 hours after exposure.
 - 2. Place cool compresses lightly over both eye lids.
- D. Sudden, painless loss of vision:
 - 1. May be due to central retinal artery occlusion, stroke or other embolic event.
 - 2. Administer oxygen 2 – 6 LPM via nasal cannula.
 - 3. Transport supine.
- E. Transport and continue treatment en route.
- F. Contact **Medical Command**

