

3.6 Standing Order for supply of Fluorescein eye drops

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| TITLE | Standing order for Fluorescein eye drops |
| Trade Name(s) | Minims Fluorescein Eye Drops |
| Presentation ¹ | Sterile ophthalmic solution 2% (20mg/mL) or 1% (10mg/mL). Single patient, single use |
| Indication | Diagnostic aid during eye exams. |
| Contraindications ¹ | Nil recorded |
| Precautions ¹ | Ensure single use / single patient regime maintained; significant risk of iatrogenic ocular infection if solution reused. Advise patient to avoid rubbing eyes and avoid expose to dust. Advise patient may temporarily stain skin, urine, tears, nasal secretions yellow; may permanently stain soft contact lenses and clothing |
| Dose ¹ | Use sufficient solution to apply stain to damaged area – generally 1-2 drops in each eye. Excess can be washed away with sterile saline solution |
| Dose frequency ¹ | Single dose |
| Administration ¹ | To be administered in hospital only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure contact lens are removed • Instil solution into affected eye/s • (see Emergency Eye Manual pg. 26 for eye drop instructions http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/155011/eye_manual.pdf) • Use cobalt blue light source for assessment • Stain does not show up on a normal cornea. Corneal abrasions or ulcers are stained a bright green. Foreign bodies are surrounded by a green ring. Conjunctival abrasions are also stained. |
| Storage | Refrigerate and store out of patient and public access, preferably in a locked room or a locked cabinet securely attached to the wall or floor – see PD2013_043. |
| Adverse effects ¹ | May cause blurred vision – caution driving |
| Nursing Accreditation Requirements | An RN whose competency to practice Nurse Delegated Emergency Care and to comply with this Standing Order has been assessed and approved by a <i>Local Facilitator</i> , in accordance with the NDEC Education and Accreditation Framework. |
| Documentation | Administration record is to be documented by the administering nurse. Document on the “once only” section of the appropriate medication chart. The record of administration must be checked and countersigned by a medical officer within 24 hours of initial administration. |
| Related Documents | NDEC Nurse Management Guideline: Eye Problems http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/270 NDEC Nurse Management Guideline: Pain http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/275 |

Local Standing Order Authorisation:

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| Date approved by _____ LHD Drugs and Therapeutics Committee: | Medical Officer Name: |
| Review Date: | Signature: |

¹ The drug information provided is to act as a guide only, for further information reference should be made to the full product info available on MIMS or the Australian Medicines Handbook <accessible in NSW Health facilities via CIAP: > If contraindications, precautions or interactions are present refer to MO before administration