



# Miracles In Sight

## EYE CARE

### POSTMORTEM EYE CARE



Gently irrigate the eyes with sterile saline



Close eyes carefully



Place sterile soaked gauze over the closed eyelids  
Elevate head (pillow, towel roll, or head block)

Transfer patient to morgue for cooling ASAP **AND** document time of cooling.  
Please speak to a coordinator before releasing to funeral home.

### UNCONSCIOUS OR VENTILATED PATIENT EYE CARE

Mechanical ventilation can cause a decrease in tear production and blinking

#### Patients at risk for ocular complications:

- Patients with no active or minimal blink reflexes
- Inability to open and shut eyes

#### Eye Care:

- Treat with water soluble ophthalmic ointment or saline/sterile saline solution
- Rinse every 4-6 hours
- Ensure eyelids are fully closed

### PROTECT EYES

- Covering the eyes when suctioning can also help protect the corneas from aerosol contamination from gastrointestinal or respiratory secretions.  
  
This can help prevent corneal infections and scarring for all patients you care for on a vent.
- Keep the face clean to prevent contamination of eyes from patient's own bacterial flora.

Please communicate any abnormal ocular findings when referring for potential donation

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