Please call 911 if you think you have a medical emergency.

**Corneal Ulcer Treatment**

**Self-Care at Home**

- If you wear contact lenses, remove them immediately.
- Apply cool compresses to the affected eye.
- Do not touch or rub your eye with your fingers.
- Limit spread of infection by washing your hands often and drying them with a clean towel.
- Take over-the-counter pain medications, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin).

**Medical Treatment**

- Your ophthalmologist will remove your contact lenses if you are wearing them.
- Your ophthalmologist will generally not place a patch over your eye if he or she suspects that you have a bacterial infection. Patching creates a warm dark environment that allows bacterial growth.
- Hospitalization may be required if the ulcer is severe.

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