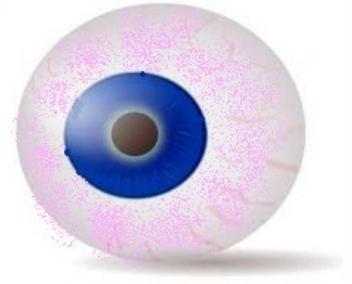


Pink Eye



Anyone Can Get It

What Is It:

Pink eye is the inflammation or infection of the lining of the eyelid. The infection can be caused by allergies, bacteria, chemical exposure, fungi, parasites, and the use of contact lenses. Pink eye causes the white of the eye to become pink or red. It will usually cause the eye to make excessive tears and may also create pus. This pus can stick the eyelids together overnight. Pink eye can be spread when pus from the eye is touched and then passed on to someone else.

Treatment:

If the infection is caused by allergies, allergy medication may be given to treat it. If the infection is caused by bacteria, antibiotics such as eye drops may be given to treat it. If the infection is caused by a viral infection, it will heal on its own.

Recovery:

Pink eye usually takes about 2-3 days to recover when taking antibiotics and about a week when not taking antibiotics.

Prevention:

To prevent pink eye, be sure not to come in to contact with pus from the eye of an infected person. Good

Symptoms:

- Blurred vision
- Crust that forms on the eyelid overnight
- Eye pain
- Grainy feeling in the eyes
- Increased tearing
- Itching of the eye
- Redness in the eyes
- Sensitivity to light
- Puss discharges

Consult Doctor If:

- the symptoms last longer than three or four days while taking antibiotics
- the symptoms last longer than a week when not taking antibiotics

