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This protocol covers a wide variety of injuries to the eye. If other injuries to the body exist, priority of care should be given as appropriate.

1. Baseline Care Standards
2. Maintain airway per protocol.
3. Control all bleeding.
4. Remove contact lenses.
5. Irrigate eyes with copious amounts of water.
6. Cover both eyes to minimize movement of injured eye.
7. Leave penetrating objects in and immobilize them with dressings. Consider use of rigid cervical collar and long board.
8. Reassure patient. Keep patient calm.
9. Call for advanced life support intercept (ground or flight).
10. Transport to appropriate facility.

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*Medical Director's Signature*

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*Date*

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