

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES OPTOMETRY PROCEDURE

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PURPOSE

To ensure that all youth are screened for vision impairment.

PROCEDURE:

Initial Eye Screening of Minors

- 1) Upon admission to the hall, all youth should be screened for visual impairment at the time of the physical examination using the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener. This information is recorded in the appropriate section of the Nursing Intake form. In addition, an assessment of visual acuity (with the youth's eyeglasses, if available) is to be made. This is a critical aspect of the vision screening. (Note: An attempt should be made to secure the youth's eyeglasses, if it is possible to retrieve them from home.) Any visual acuity measured as 20/40 or worse in either eye is considered abnormal. All individuals reporting longstanding reduced vision should be referred for an optometry examination on a non-urgent basis. Those reporting a recent onset of blurred vision should be identified as needing a more expeditious examination.
- 2) The following acute and urgent ocular conditions should be referred to the emergency room for immediate evaluation:
 - a. Onset of sudden visual loss
 - b. History of recent symptomatic eye trauma
 - c. Significant ocular pain
 - d. Significant eye redness or tearing

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3) The following conditions should be referred to the optometry clinic on an urgent basis:

- a. Symptoms of flashes of light
- b. Recent onset of floaters
- c. Obscured vision
- d. Abnormalities or opacities in the normally transparent media of the eye
- e. Abnormalities of the ocular fundus
- f. Tumor or swelling of the eyelids or orbit, including protrusion of one or both eyes
- g. Inflammation of the lids, conjunctiva or globe
- h. Sudden onset of diplopia (double vision)
- i. Diabetes mellitus, AIDS, or HIV positive patients with ocular symptoms
- j. Any other history, symptoms or signs that indicate a need for urgent evaluation

Any individual with any other signs or symptoms related to the eyes, or expressing an interest for an eye examination, may also be referred to the eye clinic on a non-urgent basis by ordering an eye consultation in PEMRS.

REFERENCE

JCHS Policy # C-501, "Vision Services"

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