

## **Neonatal Conjunctivitis**

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There are 3 emergency causes of conjunctivitis in the neonate. The big question is “did this baby get an STD in their eye?”

### **Gonorrhea:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> week of life
- Copious purulent drainage
- Can cause ulcerations or disseminate causing sepsis.
- Dx: culture. Tx cefotaxime (3<sup>rd</sup> gen cephalosporin), admit, eye washes

**Chlamydia:** 1<sup>st</sup> month of life. Treat with erythromycin PO.

**HSV:** check for vesicles, identify mother’s status, these kids get a full workup and admission because HSV can disseminate to brain. Tx IV acyclovir.

After these are ruled out consider:

- Viral vs bacterial conjunctivitis – tx with eye drops (erythromycin)
- Eye drops causing red eye
- Dacryostenosis with watery eyes as tears are not draining