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Referral in Scotland

A guideline for ABDO members



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Flow chart to assist clinical decision making when working without an optometrist



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ABDO activity works in conjunction with Optometry Scotland

Classed into three categories

Urgent

Unexplained sudden loss of central vision, severe pain penetrating injuries, chemical injuries and onset floaters and flashes, corneal ulcer

Contact triage facility at local hospital instruction on treatment

Send to hospital

Seen soon

Rodent ulcer, Severe dry eye, Conjunctivitis, Foreign body, Blepharitis

Primary Care

Retain in practice seen by an optometrist as a primary/supplementary examination
or
Cross referral to another optometrist in the community

Non-Urgent

Sub conjunctival haemorrhage, styes, floaters

Mostly self limiting

If problem persists

Primary Care

Retain in practice seen by an optometrist as a primary/supplementary examination

It should be noted that the following information should be recorded when any such incidents occur: Patient's name, address and date of birth, GPs name, your name and qualifications, practice address, prescription, VAs last recorded, history (if appropriate), symptoms, medical or clinical treatment given. Copy letter to the patient's record.

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