

## Protocol for EKC/ Betadine Treatment

### 1. Determine eligibility:

- At least 18 years of age
- Has clinical signs and symptoms compatible with EKC
- Symptomatic for less than 5 days
- Has the ability to understand and give signed informed consent
- No ocular surgery within the last 3 months
- No active ocular allergies
- Has not used any topical ocular medication (pharmacologic agent) during the prior 30 days
- No history of hypersensitivity to iodine

2. Print out [informed consent form](#), review with patient, and have patient sign for your office record.

### 3. Initial encounter

- Obtain history:
  - Duration of symptoms prior to presentation
  - Subjective severity of symptoms:
    - None, mild, moderate, or severe:
      - Itching
      - Tearing
      - Burning
      - Swelling
      - Discharge
  - Positive or negative:
    - Recent history of upper respiratory infection
- Examination:
  - Snellen visual acuity
  - External/slit lamp examination
    - Positive or negative:
      - Preauricular adenopathy
    - Grade 0, 1, 2, or 3 (none, mild, moderate, or severe):
      - Lid edema
      - Discharge
      - Conjunctival membranes
      - Conjunctival injection
      - Conjunctival chemosis
      - Conjunctival follicular response
      - Corneal infiltration
    - Note any other significant findings
  - Adjunctive/confirmatory testing

- If available, perform RPS (rapid pathogen screening) for adenoviral infection
- 3. Treatment technique with Betadine 5% wash
  - Instill 3 drops of tetracaine in the eye(s) to be treated
  - Instill 5 drops of Betadine 5% into the treatment eye(s)
  - Instruct patient to close eye(s) and move side to side, up and down for 60 seconds to facilitate even dispersal throughout ocular surface; use gloved finger to spread Betadine over lid margin and lashes to eradicate any virus on external adnexa.
  - After 60 seconds, thoroughly rinse eye with sterile eyewash until all traces of Betadine have been removed
  - Patient should be scheduled for follow up: 2-3 days, 4-5 days, and 7-14 days post treatment.
- 4. Follow-up encounters
  - Obtain history:
    - Subjective severity of symptoms:
      - None, mild, moderate, or severe:
        - Itching
        - Tearing
        - Burning
        - Swelling
        - Discharge
  - Examination:
    - Snellen visual acuity
    - External/slit lamp examination
      - Positive or negative:
        - Preauricular adenopathy
      - Grade 0, 1, 2, or 3 (none, mild, moderate, or severe):
        - Lid edema
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        - Conjunctival chemosis
        - Conjunctival follicular response
        - Corneal infiltration
      - Note any other significant findings
  - Grade clinical picture compared to previous encounters
    - Better, worse, unchanged, or resolved
- 5. Data submission can be performed through online system after registering at [www.betadineforekc.com](http://www.betadineforekc.com). Patients will be assigned a unique identifier and will become anonymous in the system. This identifier should be recorded by the investigator and recorded in the office chart; it is used to perform data recall and subsequent data editing.