

## Pediatric Guidelines: Head and Neck Infections - Conjunctivitis

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Condition	Major Pathogens	First Choice Therapy	Alternative Therapy	Comments
Conjunctivitis	Often viral			
	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	Trimethoprim-Polymyxin B 0.1%-10,000 units/ml ophthalmic drops 1-2 drops 4 times daily for 5-7 days	Topical therapy is not necessary if patient is on concurrent systemic therapy with coverage against likely causative organisms	Commonly caused by viruses, consider supportive treatment such as warm compresses or cold saline drops
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>			
	<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>			
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>				

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