

Department of Ophthalmology
4th Year Medical Student Handout
The Acute Red Eye

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- Excludes most trauma (red lids/red eyes with proptosis).

a) Without Visual Loss:

1. Painless - SCH
2. With FB sensation
 - CFB/STFB
 - Corneal abrasion
3. Mild/moderate pain:
 - Conjunctivitis
 - / Bacterial
 - Viral
 - \ Chlamydial
 - \ Allergic
 - Episcleritis/scleritis.

b) Painful \pm Visual Loss:

- Keratitis
 - / Marginal
 - Herpetic
 - \ Bacterial

c) Visual Loss with Moderate/Severe Pain:

1. Acute anterior uveitis
2. Acute angle-closure glaucoma.

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