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Eyelid Lacerations and Canalicular Laceration

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Varshitha Hemanth Vasanthapuram

1.1 Introduction

Eyelid lacerations form a major bulk of the ocular emergencies encountered in the Oculoplasty clinic. Periocular soft tissue trauma can range from a simple abrasion to avulsion, may be associated with orbital fractures/open globe injury or facial injury.

Eyelids play an important functional and aesthetic role. A good eyelid tear repair is crucial to preserve this. A thorough clinical examination and evaluation is paramount to effective surgical planning and repair.

1.2 Pre-requisites for a Good Surgical Planning

1.2.1 History

- Time since injury: Early repair is advocated, especially in laceration involving canaliculus.
- Mode of injury: It is important to note the mode of injury. For instance, in case
 of Road Traffic Accident (RTA) one must look for grease, gravel, stones, glass
 pieces within the laceration. In animal bite injury, anti-rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin need to be arranged. Other modes include assault, penetrating trauma
 related to occupation, blouse hook injury in babies, etc.

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1.2.2 Clinical Assessment

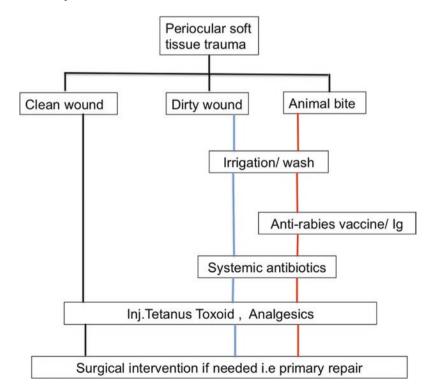
The laceration should be assessed for the following:

- Full thickness or partial thickness.
- Eyelid avulsion.
- Extra-marginal/marginal involvement.
- Canthal involvement.
- Canalicular and lacrimal apparatus involvement.
- · Soft tissue loss.
- Presence of foreign body.
- Additional injury—orbital fracture, globe injury.

1.2.3 Before the Surgery

- Pre- and post-operative photographic documentation.
- Proper patient communication and consent.
- Repair should be preceded by thorough saline and betadine wash.
- Tetanus toxoid injection and antibiotic coverage should be given.

Though the extent of periocular injury and cause is varied, following a general protocol can help in most occasions in the emergency room. This protocol should however be followed after a thorough assessment of the vitals, systemic status, and associated injuries.



1.2.3.1 Irrigation

Soft tissue wounds less than 8 h old and surgical incisions are categorized as "clean" and wounds older than 8 h are categorized as "dirty" wounds [1]. Soft tissue injuries secondary to RTA may have mud, grease, gravel, glass pieces, etc. within the wound and vicinity. Cleaning and irrigation remove the dirt which aids in better assessment of wounds. Also, thorough irrigation reduces the organism load and decreases the risk of infection, especially in animal bites.

Irrigation of periocular soft tissue wounds at the author's institute is performed with normal saline solution, directly with the bottle in small wounds or with an intravenous (iv) infusion cannula attached to the bottle for large wounds. The nozzle is placed at a distance of approximately 1–2 inches from the wound. In case of grease or soil, gentle digital cleaning can aid. Wounds with associated globe injuries should be irrigated with caution.

Hollander et al. found that irrigation may not be beneficial in clean wounds. In fact, they cited irrigation deems the wounds more exposed to possible exogenous infection and trends towards worse cosmetic outcome after primary repair [2]. This was attributed to tissue trauma secondary to high pressure irrigation [2].

The author recommends gentle cleansing of clean wounds and irrigation of dirty wounds.

Wound debridement can be performed under anesthesia just before wound repair with an aim of maximum tissue preservation. The non-viable tissue can be excised and foreign bodies removed [3].

The periocular region has a rich blood supply. There can be bleeding from the supra-trochlear and supra-orbital vessels in lacerations involving the brow. Initial hemostasis can be achieved by pressure application.

1.2.3.2 Medications

Routine analgesics like non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs can be prescribed for pain. Topical broad-spectrum antibiotics should suffice for clean wounds [4]. In cases of animal bites, RTA, systemic immunosuppressed states such as diabetes, broad spectrum systemic antibiotics are recommended for 5–7 days [1, 4]. The author prescribes amoxicillin-clavulanate combination 30 mg/kg body weight iv or 625 mg orally (adults) at a twice daily dosing for 5 days.

Tetanus Immunization

Major wounds such as crush wounds, devitalized wounds, burns, fractures, avulsion, dirty wounds, and minor wounds such as scratches are prone to tetanus. It is vital to probe the history of prior tetanus immunization [5]. Tetanus administration for wounds as per the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations is mentioned in Table 1.1 [6]. Tetanus toxoid (Tt) produces delayed immunity. Administering Tt in acute wounds does not provide the required immunity but ensures protection for future wounds, hence in cases of unknown immunization history or history of last booster in more than 10 years or greater than 5 years in case of contaminated wound, tetanus immune globulin (TIG) should be administered [5, 6]. The recommended TIG dosage for adult prophylaxis is 250–500 U IM in opposite extremity to Tt and 250 U IM in pediatric age group [5].

History of adsorbed tetanus toxoid-containing vaccines (doses)	Clean, minor wound, DTaP, Tdap or Tda	Clean, minor wound, TIG ^b	All other wounds ^c , DTaP, Tdap or Td ^a	All other wounds ^c ,
Unknown or <3	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
≥3	Nod	No	Noe	No

Table 1.1 Tetanus administration for wounds as per the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations

DTaP diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine, Tdap tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis, Td tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, TIG tetanus immune globulin

^aDTaP is recommended for children <7 years of age. Tdap is preferred to Td for persons aged 11 years or older who have not previously received Tdap. Persons aged 7 years or older who are not fully immunized against pertussis, tetanus, or diphtheria should receive one dose of Tdap (preferably the first) for wound management and as part of the catch-up series; if additional tetanus toxoid-containing doses are required, either Td or Tdap vaccine can be used

1.2.4 General Principles in Repair

- Best performed under surgical loupe or microscope.
- Local infiltration or general anesthesia.
- Layered closure of tissues should be performed from deep to superficial.
- Skin suturing—eversion of wound edges during closure gives a better cosmetic outcome [4].
- Scarring along relaxed skin tension lines yields better results, hence the ragged edges of lacerations should be attempted to be converted to parallel edges to RSTL [4].
- Preserve as much soft tissue as possible during debridement [7].
- Avoid major reconstructive procedures during primary repair [7].
- Perform eyelid tear repairs after globe repairs in case of combined injuries.

Below are a few case scenarios illustrating the management of different grades of eyelid laceration.

1.3 Case Scenarios

1.3.1 Case 1

1.3.1.1 Case Summary

A 32-year-old female presented with trauma to the left eye following a fall from bicycle in the morning of her visit to the Eye Clinic. On examination, a full thickness laceration of the middle third of the left upper eyelid was noted (Fig. 1.1a). It was involving the margin, sparing the lateral canthus. The globe was intact. Visual acuity was 6/6 in both eyes, slit lamp examination was unremarkable.

^bPeople with HIV infection or severe immunodeficiency who have contaminated wounds (including minor wounds) should also receive TIG, regardless of their history of tetanus immunizations ^cSuch as, but not limited to, wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil, and saliva; puncture wounds; avulsions; and wounds resulting from missiles, crushing, burns, and frostbite

^dYes, if \geq 10 years since the last tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine dose

eYes, if ≥5 years since the last tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine dose