

Goal: Rule out open globe and orbital fracture with entrapment
 For suspected TBI see <https://www.utahptn.org/pediatric-trauma-guidelines-brain-injuries-utah/>

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Start

- Concern of orbital injury?**
- Enophthalmos (globe looks sunken in)
 - Vertical dystopia (one globe more inferior/caudal than the other)
 - Orbital swelling or ecchymosis

YES ↓

- Assess visual acuity
- Assess EOMs
- Instruct patient not to blow nose

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- Globe disruption
- Entrapment of muscles
- Abnormal VA or EOM
- Abnormal Iris
- Traumatic hyphema
- Unable to open eye and globe feels hard
- Suspected multiple orbital fx's
- Unrelenting N/V w/o obvious cause
- Bradycardia

YES ↓

Transfer to PED1

NO ↗

Obtain CT Maxillofacial

Do Not delay transport to obtain CT

Confirmed Orbital Fracture

YES →

- Isolated fracture
- Non-displaced fracture
- Intact EOM
- No laceration
- Grossly normal visual acuity

YES →

- Patient meets all criteria following observation?**
- Normal mental status
 - Resolving or minor symptoms
 - Tolerating oral intake
 - Dependable social support
 - No abuse or neglect

YES →

****Discharge with follow-up with Oculoplastics 5-7 days**

NO →

Admit

NO ↓

Laceration without fracture

YES ↓

Isolated canthus, tear duct, or eyelid laceration OR Associated subconjunctival hemorrhage, prolapsed fat

YES →

Is bedside Plastics/ENT/Ophtho consult available in 60 min?

NO →

Transfer to PED1

YES ↓

Consult Plastics, ENT, or Ophthalmology

****For centers without peds subspecialists consider Moran Eye Center follow-up. Call 801-581-2352 for appointment**

Extra Ocular Muscle Entrapment Data

- 2% incidence out of all medial wall fractures
- 11% incidence out of all orbital floor fractures
- 11 % w/ entrapment have associate bradycardia
- 50% of entrapped fractures, radiology makes comment about entrapment
- 63% w/ entrapment have associated nausea and vomiting
- 89% w/ entrapment have altered EOM

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