## **Eye Emergencies – 10.090**

## TREATMENT:

- A. Treat per Universal Patient Care.
- B. In order to decrease intraocular pressure, patients should be transported in a sitting position of at least 30 degrees unless contraindicated.
- C. Treat specific injuries as follows:
  - 1. Chemical Burns
    - a. Irrigate from the center of the eye towards the eyelid with isotonic saline, sterile water or tap water for at least 30 minutes.
    - b. Do not attempt to neutralize acids or bases.

## 2. <u>Direct Trauma to Eye (Suspected Rupture/Penetration of Globe)</u>

- a. Protect the affected eye and its contents with a hard shield or similar device and cover the other eye.
- b. Follow Pain Management Protocol as indicated and consider **Ondansetron** per Nausea and Vomiting protocol.
- 3. Foreign body on outer eye
  - a. Do not wipe eye.
  - b. Consider irrigation.

## **NOTES & PRECAUTIONS:**

- A. Document new onset of blurring, double vision, perceived flashes of light or other visual changes.
- B. Contact lenses should be removed, if possible.