

Acute Conjunctivitis

- Inflammation/ infection of the transparent membrane that covers the eyeball and lines the eyelid.
- Caused by bacteria, viruses, allergies, mechanical stress, or irritants.
- Aka pink eye or red eye syndrome.





What are the symptoms?

- Redness in the white of the eye or inner eyelid.
- Swelling of the conjunctiva.
- Watery or purulent discharge from the eye.
- Crusting of the eyelashes, especially after sleep.
- Irritation, itching, or burning sensation in the eye.
- Light sensitivity or blurred vision.

How is it diagnosed?

- Sometimes, laboratory tests may be needed to identify the specific cause, such as:
- Culture of the eye discharge.
- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for viral detection.
- Allergy skin or blood tests.
- The diagnosis of acute conjunctivitis is usually based on the history and appearance of the eye.

How is it treated?

- Depends on the cause and severity.
- Some general measures that can help relieve the symptoms are:
- Applying warm or cold compresses to the eye.
- Cleaning the eye with a moist cotton ball or cloth.
- Using artificial tears or lubricating eye drops.
- Avoiding contact lenses, eye makeup, or shared items.

- Some specific treatments that may be prescribed are:
 - Antibiotic eye drops or ointments for bacterial infections
 - Antihistamine or steroid eye drops for allergic reactions
 - Antiviral eye drops or oral medications for viral infections
- Systemic antibiotics for severe cases or complications

How can it be prevented?

- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Not touching your eyes with unwashed hands.
- Not sharing items that touch your eyes, such as towels, makeup, or glasses.
- Avoiding contact with people who have conjunctivitis.
- Seeking medical attention if you have symptoms of conjunctivitis.

Acute Viral Fever

- Caused by a viral infection.
- A fever is a temporary rise in body temperature that is part of the body's immune response.
- A viral infection is an invasion of microorganisms called viruses that can affect various parts of the body.

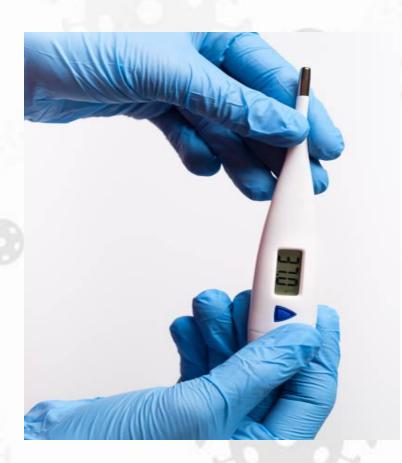
Causes

Acute viral fever can be caused by various types

of viruses, such as.

Influenza virus (flu)

- Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Dengue virus
- Measles virus
- Chickenpox virus
- Mumps virus
- Hepatitis virus





Contact with infected surfaces or objects

- Blood transfusion or needle sharing

Mosquito bites

Animal bites

What are the symptoms?

- The symptoms of acute viral fever may vary depending on the type and severity of the infection, but they usually include
 - High body temperature (above 100.4°F or 38°C)
 - Chills and sweating
 - Headache and body ache
 - Loss of appetite and weakness
 - Dehydration and thirst
 - Skin rash or redness
 - Sore throat or cough
 - Runny nose or nasal congestion
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Loose stools or constipation

How is it diagnosed?

- Usually based on the history and physical examination of the patient.
- Laboratory tests...
 - Blood tests (complete blood count, liver function tests, viral serology)
 - Urine tests (urinalysis, culture)
 - Throat swab (rapid antigen test, PCR test)
 - Chest X-ray (for respiratory infections)

Treatment

- The treatment of acute viral fever depends on the cause and severity of the infection.
- Some general measures that can help relieve the symptoms are
 - Drinking plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration
 - Taking over-the-counter painkillers to reduce fever and pain (paracetamol, ibuprofen)
 - Resting and avoiding strenuous activities
 - Using humidifiers or steam inhalation to ease breathing
- Applying cold compresses to the forehead or neck

How can it be prevented?

- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding close contact with people who have fever or respiratory symptoms
- Wearing a mask or face covering when in public places or crowded settings

