



HOME CARE ATTENDANT ASSIGNMENT TASK PLAN – Eye Ointment Group (2 types of drops/ointments or less)

PROBLEMS TO WATCH FOR AND REPORT

- Client's eyes are leaking, red or swollen.
- Client complains of burning or pain with eye ointment.

Procedure – Eye Ointment
1. Wash hands.
2. Apply disposable gloves.
3. Review Five Rights of Medication Assistance:
Right Person
Right Drug
Right Dose
Right Time
Right Route
4. Observe that eye ointment should be applied after eye drops (if applicable).
5. Ask client to lie down or sit in a chair with their head tilted back.
6. Clean eyes if needed.
7. Remove cap from the tube and place on a clean surface.
8. Tell the client to look upward.
9. Gently pull down lower eye lid.
10. Squeeze out a thin ribbon of ointment from tube starting at inner corner of eye to outer
corner of eye.
11. Do not touch eye with tube.
12. Ask client to close eye and roll eye ball around to spread medication over eye.
13. Recap tube.
14. Wipe off excess ointment with a clean washcloth.
15. Wait five minutes between each eye medication.
16. Remove disposable gloves and discard.
17. Wash hands.
18. Document correctly on the Home Care Medication Assignment Record – Home Care
Attendant.