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## **Ulcers/Infections**

Corneal ulcers can be infectious, inflammatory, or degenerative. The most common ulcers are infectious. Contact lenses and traumatic injuries predispose the cornea to infection. Different "bugs" may cause infection, including bacteria, viruses, fungus/mold, and other atypical organisms.

Evaluation includes a detailed history, slit-lamp evaluation, and possible testing including culture. Urgent anti-microbial medication and close follow-up is often warranted. Medical management will be attempted first. Occasionally surgical intervention becomes necessary.

Each patient's eye is different. The description above may not apply to every individual situation. Your doctor will perform a full evaluation and discuss her findings thoroughly. A treatment regimen will be planned and re-evaluated throughout follow-up visits. Please contact your doctor if you feel you have a corneal infection or if you have any concerns or questions regarding your ocular health.