

SAMPLE TRIAGE FORM

Patient Name:	Phone # (today):
Date & Time:	Staff Member Initials:
Medical Insurance Provider:	
Referred by:	Referral Source Phone #:
Patient Complaint:	

<p>1. Description of the problem: Right Left Both</p>	<p>9. Flashes of lights? YES No - New? YES No</p>
	10. Floaters or spots? YES No - New? YES No
	11. Burning? Mild Moderate SEVERE
2. When did it start?	12. Tearing? Mild Moderate SEVERE
3. Onset? SUDDEN Gradual	13. Redness? YES No - Localized? Or broken blood vessels? Just on the white part? Eye lids? Affecting colored part of your eye?
4. Getting? WORSE Better STABLE	14. Discharge or matted eyes? YES No
5. Has this occurred before? Yes NO	Color of Discharge:
6. Any decrease in vision? YES No	15. Do you wear contact lenses? YES No
7. Is vision blurry? YES No - SUDDEN Gradual	Do you currently have them in?
Mild (smudgy)	16. Itchy? Mild Moderate SEVERE
MODERATE (difficult to make things out)	Localized or all over?
SEVERE (complete blur)	17. Recent eye surgery? YES No
Can you count fingers / See light / Loss of peripheral vision?	What type?
8. Eye Pain? YES No - Mild Moderate SEVERE	18. Assessment of the patient's desire to be seen: HIGH Low
Tender to touch around the eye? Eyelids? Inside the eye?	List other concerns:
Throbbing? Stabbing? Associated when blinking?	
Can you keep your eye open at all?	

Plan:

Appointment made? Yes No When: _____

If no, was the patient instructed to call back if symptoms change or become worse? Yes No Staff Initials: _____

Doctor's Review:

Dr. Initials: _____

INSTRUCTIONS to Staff: Please ask as many relevant questions above as possible and scan into patient file.

EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT NOW! If no doctor available in office or on-call, direct patient to the nearest emergency room.

- * Sudden, painless loss of vision
- * Chemical burn - have patient irrigate eye(s) under running water for 20 minutes before coming into office
- * Potential penetrating injuries

URGENT = Appointment Today
* If any **BOLD "YES"** circled above

Possibly Urgent = Have tech or doctor contact patient within 2 hours - Potentially schedule tomorrow.
* If any CAPS circled (not **BOLD**)

Please note that this is a sample triage form and may need to be customized to meet the specific needs of your optometry practice. Additionally, it is recommended that you have your primary ECP review this form before using it with patients.