

# INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

## Eye infection and your newborn baby

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Most of the time, puffy or red eyes in your baby are caused by a blocked tear duct or infection by viruses or bacteria. Some eye infections may be serious and need special medication.

**Contact your doctor or go to the emergency department or health clinic at once if your baby is under two weeks old and:**

- Your baby's eyes are red
- Your baby's eyes have thick pus
- Your baby's eyelids are swollen or puffy

Your baby's eyes need to be examined to find out if it is an infection that needs to be treated.



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