

IDAHO PREVENTIVE CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

PEDIATRIC - AGES 0 to 10

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PREVENTION OF GONOCOCCAL OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

All newborns, regardless of gestational age, should receive prophylactic ocular topical medication for the prevention of gonococcal ophthalmia neonatorum. A ribbon of Erythromycin ophthalmic ointment approximately 1 cm in length should be instilled into each lower conjunctival sac. The ointment should not be flushed from the eye following instillation. A new tube should be used for each infant.