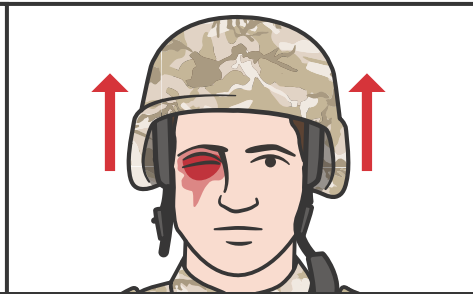


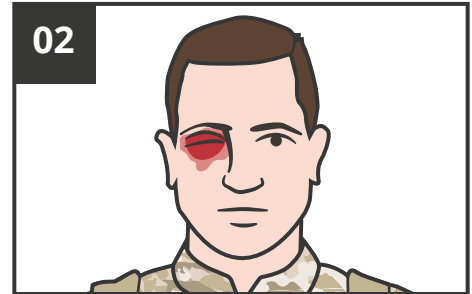
PENETRATING EYE INJURY



01
PLACE the casualty in a comfortable position, one that allows you access to their eye (head).

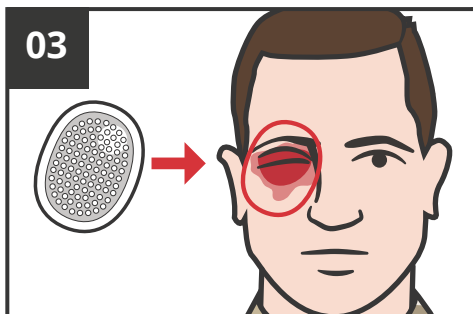


REMOVE their headgear, if necessary.

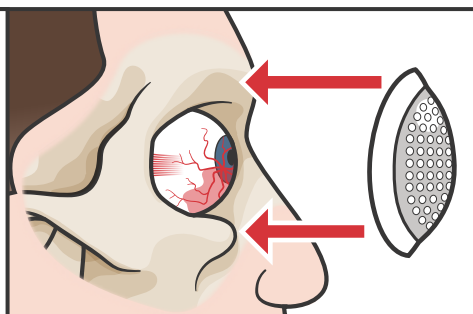


02
EXAMINE the eyes for any deformities, contusions, abrasions, penetrating objects, bruising (black eye(s)), lacerations, or swelling.

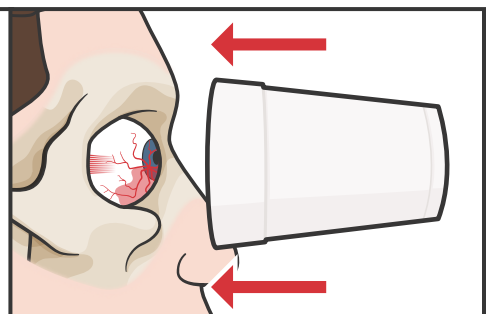
NOTE: Perform a rapid field test of visual acuity.



03
COVER the casualty's injured eye with a rigid eye shield (not a pressure patch).



NOTE: The eye shield is designed to rest on the bony prominence of the face arching over the eye structures.



NOTE: In the absence of an eye shield, other objects such as SAM splints, Styrofoam, or plastic cups can effectively perform the same function.

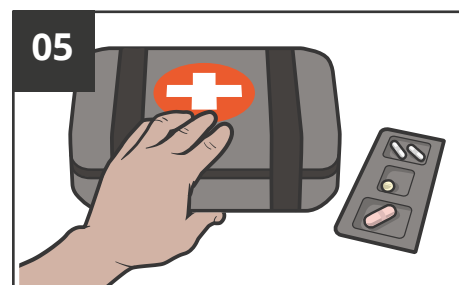
NOTE: Do not cover other eye (unless also injured).

NOTE: For protruding/impaled object in eye, cut a hole in the eye shield for the object to fit through and secure in place. If you cannot cut the eye shield, place a bulky dressing around the penetrating object.

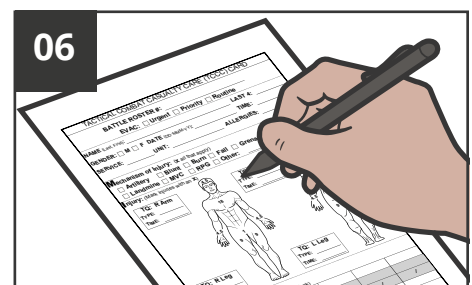
CAUTION: Ensure that the rigid eye shield or improvised object is not in contact with the contents of the eye socket or exerting any pressure on the eye. If the eye shield exerts pressure, use an improvised eye shield.



04
SECURE the rigid eye shield with tape at a 45-degree angle across the forehead and cheek.



05
If the casualty is conscious, **ADMINISTER** the Combat Wound Medication Pack (CWMP).



06
DOCUMENT all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.