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RANZCO submission to consultation: Proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard – ACCS, ACMS and Joint ACCS/ACMS meetings, March 2019

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard.

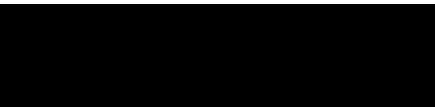
RANZCO's mission is to drive improvements in eye health care in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific Region through continuing exceptional training, education, research and advocacy. Underpinning all of the College's work is a commitment to best patient outcomes, providing contemporary education, training and continuing professional development, evidence-based decision making, collaboration and collegiality.

RANZCO supports the definition of eye washing in the proposed changes to the Poisons Standard with some minor amendments. The suggested amendments to be referred for scheduling advice to ACCS #24, section 2.1 E2 of the [proposed Poisons Standard](#) include;

“If in eyes [N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone], hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water or normal saline for at least 15 minutes. Contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) for further advice. An eye examination should always be performed, including slit lamp examination where possible. Ophthalmologic consultation should be obtained if there are concerns.”

Should you require any clarification regarding this matter, please contact RANZCO Policy Officer, Stephanie Mulholland, at smulholland@ranzco.edu for any enquiries or further information.

Yours sincerely



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