

Table 1

Red flags for conjunctivitis in a contact lens wearer

Contact lens-associated microbial keratitis

- A history of contact lens wear (ask about this specifically), especially if there is a concurrent history of exposure to water sources or trauma involving soil
- Eye pain
- Eye redness
- Any reduction/change in vision
- Any corneal epithelial defect (seen with a blue light on fluorescein staining)
- Discharge from the eye

Retained contact lens

- Any history of contact lens wear (ask about this specifically)
- Persistent discharge and/or foreign body sensation in the eye
- Failure to respond to a course of antibiotics despite microbiological sensitivities to the contrary