

**PROPARACAINE (generic), OPTHANE, ALCAINE, (trade)**

**ACTION:**

1. Topical anesthetic

**INDICATIONS:**

1. Suspected corneal abrasion
2. Burns to the eye
3. Foreign body in eye

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

1. Hypersensitivity
2. Ruptured globe

**PRECAUTIONS:**

1. The patient should never be allowed to rub or touch eyes.
2. After administration, remaining medication should be discarded to minimize the risk of infection.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS/SIDE EFFECTS:**

1. None

**ADMINISTRATION:**

1. 1-2 drops in each affected eye
2. May repeat every 15 minutes

**PEDIATRIC CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. Do not give to patients < 12 years without physician order.

**Special Considerations:**

1. Patient should be transported if this medication has been given. If patient refuses transportation by ambulance, explain that they need to have additional medical care and need to be seen at an emergency department. Document their hospital choice.
2. Solution must be clear. If solution is yellow, do not use.