AESTHETIC COMPLICATIONS EXPERT GROUP WORLD PROTOCOL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF A VASCULAR OCCLUSION ASSOCIATED WITH COSMETIC INJECTIONS

IMMEDIATE ONSET

Pain, blanching, discolouration, delayed capillary refill time.

Stop treatment. Attempt aspiration.

Assess and repeat process if CRT < 3 seconds.

Massage.

Apply heat.

Tap the area.

Resolved

Provide appropriate aftercare and follow up.

Resolved

Ensure contemporaneous records, face to face review, photographs, patient support, follow up and an out of hours number.

Have the necessary drugs and equipment available to manage the complication (the Official ACE Group World Emergency Kit).

DELAYED PRESENTATION

May be due to venous occlusion.

Dull pain, discolouration, coolness, livedo reticularis, delayed capillary refill time.

Unresolved

Hyalase® pulsed protocol (ACE Group World protocol for the administration of Hyalase®)

Aspirin 300mg stat and then 75mg daily until resolved.

Unresolved

Discuss with colleague, ACE Group World and Medical Defence Organisation.

Ongoing management

Wound care, antibiotics, superficial debridement. Consider hyperbaric oxygen therapy, vasodilators (such as PDE5 inhibitors)



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