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Preface

Ophthalmology in Military and Civilian Casualty Care presents the most current thoughts from experts across multiple fields including government, military, medical, and first responder communities. It is intended to serve as a functional guide for management of vision-threatening injuries and conditions commonly encountered in austere, combat, humanitarian, and mass casualty scenarios. We are deeply grateful to our contributors who have provided their opinion and experience for this unifying manuscript, often by writing in between overseas deployments and ongoing crisis response duties.

The excellent paper by COL Mark Reynolds et al. [1] presents a concise summary of clinical practice guidelines for ocular injuries and vision-threatening conditions requiring prolonged field care, and we refer reader to this manuscript for a concise and useable format. This is especially timely given the recent acknowledgment of the end of the golden hour as we move toward more remote areas of engagement where evacuation may be greater than 48–72 hours delayed, if available at all [2]. Pushing information and skills to the tip of the spear is an obvious mitigation strategy, and our desire is to empower all providers to save vision wherever possible.

We have not sought to be encyclopedic but rather to craft a usable handbook with expanded detail where indicated. Not intended to be another ophthalmology trauma textbook, any deficiencies in content perceived by the reader are solely the responsibility of the managing editor (CJC).

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