Visual Injuries

Fox Shield (Rigid Eye Shield) in the Improved First Aid Kit-II

Proper first aid following eye injury is critical, because applying pressure to a ruptured or perforated eye can cause further irreparable damage to the eye. The Fox rigid eye shield is a small a protective cover for an injured eye designed to curve away from the eye so no contact or pressure is applied, thus preventing further injury. The Fox rigid eye shield has now been included in the Improved First Aid Kit 2 (IFAK2), a personal first aid kit that is issued to every deployed Service Member since November 2013. In collaboration with VCE and the USAPHC, the Tri-Service Vision Conservation and Readiness Program (TSVCR) supported efforts that reinforce proper use of the Fox rigid eye shield and promote awareness of its inclusion in the IFAK2. Materials developed by TSVCR included guidelines on use and informational articles published in the VCR quarterly newsletter, online and in the Army Times. Increased awareness of the Fox rigid eye shield and its proper use will result in improved first aid emergency care for Service Members who suffer traumatic eye injuries.