ENUCLEATION LAB PATIENT PREP

* Elevate down eye with bean-bag or towel
* Protect down eye from prep solutions with gauze or towel and lubricate down eye with ointment
* Clip haired skin around margins of lid (size varies with the surgical procedure)
* Lashed trimmed with scissors lightly coated with lubricant
* Blot or vacuum any loose hairs
* Prep solutions that are acceptable include:
* Diluted Povidone Iodine SOLUTION [ in 10% sterile saline /water]
* Dilutions of 1:10 to 1:50 are used
* **NEVER USE CHLORHEXIDINE to prep an eye-- it is extremely toxic to the eye**
* **Alcohol will result in dessication of the eye and its contents & its extremely irritable**
* Clean periocular skin gauze soaked sponges of dilute povidone iodine and alternate with sterile saline
* Clean the conjunctival sac with sterile cotton tipped applicators-- alternate iodine with saline and work out to the eyelid margins
* Final prep of periocular skin from margins outward
* Keep surgery eye lubricated with sterile saline or methylcellulose gel to prevent corneal drying
* An ophthalmic ointment should be placed on the cornea prior to aseptic preparation to further protect the cornea from damage in cases other than enucleation