

## TASS/ID Task Force Hotline

Toxic Anterior Segment Syndrome (TASS) has emerged as an important issue for Canadian ophthalmologists, with several Canadian surgical centres reporting outbreaks in the last few years. TASS is characterized by sterile inflammation usually presenting within one or two days after uneventful cataract surgery.

COS has established a task force chaired by Dr. Simon Holland to help investigate and manage TASS outbreaks in Canada. The TASS task force will also be responsible for providing information and assistance for emerging and/or infectious disorders such as diffuse lamellar keratitis (DLK). Your help is needed in identifying and tracking cases of TASS. Please take time to report the occurrence of TASS or other infectious disorders to the task force using the form below.

### How to report TASS/ID cases

Please fill out the following form, print it, and fax it to the Canadian Ophthalmological Society at 613 729-7209.

A member of the Task Force will contact you within 24 hours to discuss TASS/ID and suggest further steps. For information, Dr Simon Holland can be reached at 604 875-5850 or call the COS office at 613 729-6779.

1. Name and address of centre

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2. Contact person

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3. Telephone number

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4. Best time to call (after hours numbers if possible given time differences)

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5. Summary of TASS cases

- Numbers affected

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- Total surgeries

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- Period

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6. Changes made since onset

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7. Advice needed/questions

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