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1. What Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment is and what it is used for.

Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment is used in both adults and children to treat acute bacterial conjunctivitis, which is an infection of the outer surface of the eye that causes redness, discomfort and discharge from the affected eye. Your doctor can provide further advice about these symptoms.

The active ingredient of Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment is chloramphenicol, which is an antibiotic.

2. What you need to know before you use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment.

Do not use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment if you:
- are sensitive/allergic to chloramphenicol or to any of the other ingredients in this product.
- have visual disturbances.
- you, or anyone in your family, have had blood or bone marrow problems.

Take special care with Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment if:
- you have visual disturbances.
- you are sensitive to light.
- you have a foreign body in the eye.
- you have an eye infection that keeps coming back.
- you have glaucoma (raised pressure in the eye).
- you have dry eyes.
- you have eye injury or eye surgery.
- you are currently using any other eye drops or eye ointment.
- you are pregnant or intending to become pregnant.
- you are breast-feeding.
- you have problems with your blood (in particular very low numbers of blood cells) after taking of chloramphenicol.

Other medicines and Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment
Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are applying any other type of eye drops or eye ointment before you start to use this medicine. Your medicine may affect their action and could alter their effect. Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without any prescription.

In particular, tell your doctor if you are:
- pregnant or intending to become pregnant.
- you are breast-feeding.
- you are taking other medicines.
- you have problems with your blood (in particular very low numbers of blood cells) after taking of chloramphenicol.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility
Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are applying any other type of eye drops or eye ointment before you start to use this medicine. Your medicine may affect their action and could alter their effect. Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without any prescription.

In particular, tell your doctor if you are:
- pregnant or intending to become pregnant.
- you are breast-feeding.
- you are taking other medicines.
- you have problems with your blood (in particular very low numbers of blood cells) after taking of chloramphenicol.

What Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment contains
The ointment contains 1% chloramphenicol which is equivalent to 10 mg of chloramphenicol per ml. This product also contains liquid paraffin and white soft paraffin as excipients.

What to do if you forget to apply Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment
If you forget to apply your eye drops or ointment, contact your doctor or go to the nearest hospital casualty department immediately.

Always take the remaining ointment in the tube with the label to enable the doctor or the hospital to identify the medicine.

If you forget to use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment or swallow your ointment, contact your doctor or go to the nearest hospital casualty department immediately.

Take special care that the nozzle of the tube does not touch your eye, the skin around your eye or your fingers. Use a mirror to help you seeing what you are doing.

Apply your eye ointment in the following way:
1. Remove the cap.
2. Take special care that the nozzle of the tube does not touch your eye, the skin around your eye or your fingers. Use a mirror to help you seeing what you are doing.
3. Place the nozzle of the tube close to your eye and gently pull the lower eyelid downwards and look up.
4. Squash the tube gently and apply about 1 cm of ointment to the space between the lower eyelid and the eye.
5. Close your eye for a moment.
6. Where both eyes are to be treated replace the cap securely after use.

If you use more Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment than you should:
If you accidentally use too much Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment or swallow your ointment, contact your doctor or go to the nearest hospital casualty department immediately.

Keep out of the sight and reach of children. Do not use this medicine for longer than 28 days after first opening the tube. Any eye ointment left in the tube after this time should be returned to your pharmacist.

Contents of the pack and other information
What Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment contains
The active ingredient is chloramphenicol.

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What Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment looks like and contains
Each tube of Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment contains 4 grams of ointment.

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