CHLORAMPHENICOL 1%W/W EYE OINTMENT

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

Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment can be used by children, adults and the elderly to treat acute bacterial conjunctivitis, which is an infection of the outer surface of 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. Before you use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment

Do not use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment if you:
- wear any type of contact lenses.

Take special care with Chloramphenicol Eye ointment if you:
- are sensitive/allergic to any of the ingredients in this product
- are pregnant or intending to become pregnant
- are breast-feeding
- are taking other medicines
- you have problems with your blood (in particular very low numbers of blood cells) after taking chloramphenicol
- or anyone in your family, have had blood or bone marrow problems.

Please **tell your doctor**, if you are using this medicine and develop signs of irritation or sensitivity.

Taking other medicines
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.**

If you are taking bone marrow depressant medicines (medicines which decrease the activity of the bone marrow, causing low blood cell counts) such as azathioprine or are receiving chemotherapy, seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist before using this product.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment should not be used by pregnant women or women who are breast-feeding unless necessary. If you **are pregnant or breast-feeding** you should discuss this with your doctor before you start to apply the ointment.

Driving and using machines
Do not drive or operate machines if you have blurred vision after using Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment. You should wait until this clears before driving or using machines.

3. How to use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment

Always use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment **exactly as** your **doctor** has told you. You should check with your doctor or **pharmacist** if you are not sure.

The usual dose for adults, children and infants of all age groups is as follows:

A small amount of ointment to be applied into the affected eye (every three hours or **more frequently** if required), **as directed** by your doctor.

A different dose may be necessary in newborn babies to reduce the risk of side-effects. The maximum length of treatment in newborn babies is 10-14 days

Chloramphenicol may not work against certain types of infections. If your symptoms are not getting better you should tell your doctor immediately.

If you use Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment for a **long time**, your doctor may want to take blood samples to make sure the chloramphenicol has not affected your blood in any way.

The contents are sterile until the seal is broken. Do not use if the seal is broken before first opening.

Always wash your hands before applying the eye ointment.

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**.
3. You may use the mirror to help you seeing what you **are doing**.
4. Place the **nozzle** of the tube close to your eye and gently pull the lower eyelid downwards and look up.
5. Squeeze the **tube** gently and apply **about** 1 cm of ointment to the space between the lower eyelid and the eye.
6. **Close** your **eye** for a moment.
7. Where both **eyes** are **to be** treated repeat step from 3 to 6.
8. Replace the cap securely **after use**.

Overdose
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If you accidentally use too much or swallow your 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
If you forget to **take a dose, apply it as** soon as possible, but if it is almost time for the next dose then miss the **skipped dose and return** to your normal **dosing** schedule.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment can cause side **effects**, although not everybody gets them.

As with other eye preparations, you may occasionally experience eye irritation or visual blurring after initial insertion. If this persists, increases, or if you notice any other **changes, stop using your medicine and contact your doctor or pharmacist immediately**.

Sometimes, when an antibiotic is used for a long time, other types of bacteria or fungi, which are not killed, take **over from** the original infection. This may seem as if the original infection has not cleared up **or** has got **worse**.

Therefore, if you do not get better, tell **your doctor** at once, he/she may need to change your **treatment**.

If you notice any of the following side **effects**:
- breathing problems
- fever
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Very rare:
- bruising, bleeding, infections and weakness.

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What Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment contains
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