

CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops
Ciprofloxacin

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.
• Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
• If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
• This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it onto others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
• If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any side effect not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. WHAT IS CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops AND IN WHICH CASE IS IT USED ?

Pharmacotherapeutic class - ATC code : ophthalmic medicines, anti-infectious - S01AE03. This medication is an eye drop (eye drops) containing antibiotic from the quinolone family, from the fluorquinolone group : ciprofloxacin.

This medication is indicated for adults, the teenager (12-16 years), children (2-11 years), infants and toddlers (28 days to 23 months) and new-born (0-27 days), in the local treatment of some severe eye infections caused by bacteria that can be fought by this antibiotic : severe conjunctivitis, keratitis (inflammation of the cornea of bacterial origin), corneal ulcers and corneal abscesses.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops ?

- If you are allergic to ciprofloxacin, to another medicine of the quinolones family or to one of the other components contained in this medicine, listed in section 6.
- If you breastfeed (see Pregnancy and Breastfeeding).

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops.

Special warnings

Use CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops only in your eyes.

Do not inject, do not swallow.

Allergic reactions like hives, itching, tingling, and generalized allergic shocks (sudden swelling of the face and neck, difficulty in breathing, drop in blood pressure) which may be life-threatening, have been observed, sometimes after the first dose, in patients treated with medicines of the quinolone family administered by mouth or by injection.

If you notice the first signs of any other hypersensitivity reaction, including hives, itching or breathing problems, stop treatment and contact your doctor immediately. If you have a severe allergic reaction then stop urgent treatment.

If your symptoms suddenly get worse or come back, see your doctor. You may become more susceptible to other infections with the use of this medicine, especially after prolonged use.

If you are old or if you take medicines called corticosteroids used to treat pain and inflammation, asthma or skin problems, you have a higher risk of developing tendon problems while taking CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops.

If you experience any inflammation or inflammatory condition, stop treatment and see your doctor immediately.

If you experience pain, swelling or inflammation of the tendon, while or shortly after taking this medicine, stop the treatment and contact your doctor.

If you notice a skin reaction, contact your doctor. Sensitivity of the skin to light has been observed with antibiotics. Similar reactions with ciprofloxacin are uncommon.

If you are taking other medicines, please also read section « Other medicines and CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops ».

Precautions for use

Do not prolong treatment beyond the date prescribed on the prescription.

In the absence of rapid improvement or in the event of the appearance of abnormal symptoms, consult your doctor.

Do not wear contact lenses (soft or hard) during treatment with CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops. In patients with corneal ulcer and requiring frequent administration of CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops, white medication residues were observed but these disappeared with continued treatment with CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops.

The precipitate does not prevent continued use of CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops and does not interfere with its healing process.

If any of the above warnings have affected you at some time in the past or currently affect you, talk to your doctor.

Benzalkonium chloride

The medication contains 6 mg of benzalkonium chloride per 100 ml of eye drops.

Benzalkonium chloride can be absorbed by soft contact lenses and change their color. Remove contact lenses before application and wait at least 15 minutes before putting them back on.

Benzalkonium chloride can also cause eye irritation, especially if you have dry eye syndrome or corneal disorders (clear layer in front of the eye). If you experience abnormal feeling, stinging, burning, or pain in your eyes after using this medicine, contact your doctor.

Children

Use CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops in children under one year of age only if explicitly prescribed by your doctor.

Other medicines and CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines, even if they are medicines obtained without a prescription, especially for the following medicines :

- a medicine containing an active substance called aminoglycoside to treat depression in adults.
- a medicine containing an active substance called methotrexate to treat some rheumatism and some cancers.

The effectiveness of these eye drops may be affected by the simultaneous installation of another eye drops. In case of concomitant treatment with another ophthalmic preparation, wait at least 5 minutes between each instalment. If using eye ointment, apply it last.

CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops with food and drink

Not applicable.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Do not use CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops during pregnancy, unless your doctor considers it necessary.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

If you discover that you are pregnant during treatment, consult your doctor as only he can judge the need to continue it.

The administration of this medicine contraindicates breastfeeding, due to the passage of the product in breast milk.

Driving and using machines

If your vision is temporarily blurred after using CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops, please do not drive or use machinery until your vision returns to normal.

CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops contains benzalkonium chloride.

3. HOW TO USE CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops ?

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if in doubt.

Dosage

These eye drops are intended for adults, adolescents (12-16 years), children (2-11 years), infants and toddlers (28 days to 23 months) and new-born (0-27 days).

As an indication, the usual dosage is as follows :

Corneal abscesses :

Administration should be done at the following intervals, even overnight :

On the first day, instill 2 drops in the affected eye every 15 minutes for the first six hours then 2 drops every 30 minutes for the rest of the day.

On the second day, instill 2 drops in the affected eye every hour.

From the third to the fourteenth day, put 2 drops in the affected eye every 4 hours. If the patient requires treatment for longer than 14 days, the dosage regimen is at the discretion of the referring physician.

Conjunctivitis, keratitis, corneal ulcers :

For the first two days, instill 1 or 2 drops into the conjunctival sac of the infected eye (s) every 2 hours while awake, then 1 or 2 drops every 4 hours until disappearance of the bacterial infection.

Dosage regimens can be adjusted according to the discretion of the physician.

IN ALL CASES STRICTLY COMPLY WITH YOUR DOCTOR'S ORDER.

Method and route of administration

Ophthalmic route

1. Wash your hands thoroughly.

2. Take the bottle of eye drops and stand in front of a mirror. Invert the bottle.

3. Tilt your head back. With a clean finger, look up, pulling the eyelid down to create a groove between the eyelid and the eye. Instill a drop in this place.

4. Do not touch your eye, eyelids or other surfaces with the tip of the vial.

5. With the eye closed, wipe off the excess cleanly.

6. Close the bottle after instillation.

If you need to treat both eyes, repeat these steps for the other eye.

If a drop falls next to your eye, start again.

If you accidentally swallow CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT eye drops, contact your doctor. Nevertheless, no serious complications are expected.

Frequency of administration

Comply with your doctor's prescription.

Duration of treatment

To be effective, this medication should be used regularly at the prescribed doses, and for as long as your doctor advises you.

The disappearance of symptoms does not mean that you are completely cured. The possible feeling of tiredness is not due to the treatment but to the infection itself. Reducing or stopping your treatment will have no effect on this feeling and will delay your recovery.

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If you have taken more CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops than you should

Rinse your eye with warm water.

If you forget to take CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops

Take the missed dose as soon as possible. However, do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you forgot to take : if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your treatment as planned.

If you forgot to take CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops

Do not stop your treatment sooner than expected, even if your symptoms have gone away. If you stop your treatment earlier than expected, your symptoms may come back.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS ?

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The following side effects have been reported with ocular use of CIPRO :

Common (occurs in 1 to 10 in 100 people) :

- Eye effects : white deposits on the surface of the eye (cornea), eye discomfort, eye redness

- General side effects : bad taste

- Uncommon (occurs in 1 to 10 in 100,000 people) :

- Ocular effects : damage or discoloration of the surface of the eye (cornea), cloudiness of the surface of the eye (cornea), sensitivity to light, reduced or blurred vision, swelling of the eye or eyelid, eye pain, dry eye, itchy eye, abnormal feeling in the eye, increased tear production, discharge from the eye, scabbing on the edge of the eyelid, eyelid exfoliation, eyelid redness

- General side effects : headache, nausea

- Rare (occurs in 1 to 10 in 10,000 people) :

- Ocular effects : eye damage, eye inflammation, double vision, decreased eye sensitivity, tired eyes, eye irritation

- General side effects : hypersensitivity, dizziness, ear pain, stye, inflammation inside the nose, sinus discharge, diarrhea, abdominal pain, inflammation of the skin, medication intolerance, abnormal laboratory tests

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data):

- General side effects : tendon disorders

Additional side effects in children

In clinical studies, no serious adverse reactions were observed in children aged 0 to 12 years.

Reporting Side Effects

If you get any side effects talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This also applies to any side effects which are not mentioned in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting system : CNPV (National Center of Pharmacovigilance)

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops ?

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Store at a temperature below 25 °C

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle.

Do not use beyond 15 days after first opening of the bottle.

Do not store in the refrigerator. Do not freeze.

Do not throw away any medication via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist to throw away any medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGING AND OTHER INFORMATION

*** The active substance is :**

Ciprofloxacin hydrochloride 17.5 mg (monohydrate)

For a 5 ml bottle.

*** the other components are :**

Benzalkonium chloride, mannitol, water for injection

What is CIPRO 0,3 PERCENT, eye drops and contents of the outer packaging

This medication is in the form of eye drops. Vial of 5 ml.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

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THIS IS A MEDICINE

- A medicine is a product but not like the others.
- It is a product that affects your health and its consumption without compliance to the prescription exposes you to dangers.

- Strictly follow your doctor's prescription and directions for use, follow the advice of your pharmacist.

- Your doctor and pharmacist are familiar with the medicine, its indications and contraindications.

- Do not stop treatment on your own initiative during the prescribed period.

- Do not take it again, do not increase the doses without consulting your doctor.

Keep medicines out of the reach of children

HEALTH EDUCATION ADVICE

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS ?

Antibiotics are effective in fighting infections caused by bacteria. They are not effective against viruses. Also, your doctor has chosen to prescribe this antibiotic because it is right for you and your current illness. Bacteria have the ability to survive or reproduce despite the action of an antibiotic. This phenomenon is called resistance : it makes certain antibiotic treatments inactive.

Resistance grows through overuse or inappropriate use of antibiotics.

You may promote the emergence of resistant bacteria and thus delay your recovery or even deactivate the drug, if you do not respect :

- the dose to take,

- the moments of taking,

- and the duration of treatment.

Accordingly, to preserve the effectiveness of this medicine :

1- Only use an antibiotic when your doctor tells you to.

2- Strictly follow your prescription.

3- Do not reuse an antibiotic without a doctor's prescription even if you think you are fighting a similar disease.

4- Never give your antibiotic to another person, it may not be suitable for their illness.

5- Once your treatment is finished, return to your pharmacist all opened boxes for a proper and appropriate destruction of this medicine.