



ATROSPAN[®]

STERILE OPHTHALMIC DROPS

Patient package insert in accordance with the Pharmacists' Regulations (Preparations) 1986.

The dispensing of this medicine requires a doctor's prescription.

Read this leaflet carefully in its entirety before using this medicine.

The format of this bulletin was determined by the Ministry of Health who has reviewed and approved its content.

Composition: Active Ingredient: Atropine Sulphate 1%.

Inactive Ingredients: Benzalkonium Chloride, Boric Acid, Disodium EDTA, Purified Water.

Therapeutic Activity: Mydriatic

When this preparation should not be used:

Do not use this preparation if you have a known sensitivity to any of its ingredients or if you suffer from Glaucoma.

Do not use this preparation without first consulting your doctor if you are pregnant or nursing.

How will this medicine effect your daily life:

As this medicine may cause blurring of vision, care should be taken when driving a vehicle, operating dangerous machinery or any other activity that requires normal vision. Children should be cautioned against engaging in activities such as bicycle riding, playing near roads and the like.

Warnings: If you are sensitive to any type of food or medicine, inform your doctor before commencing treatment with this medicine. The product contains the preservative Benzalkonium Chloride that could be absorbed by soft contact lenses. This product should not be used if you wear soft contact lenses. The lenses should be removed before using the product and should only be replaced 15 minutes following application of the medication to the eyes. While the eyes are dilated, they should be protected from exposure to strong light. Special care and attention should be paid not to exceed the stated dose and to the stated side effects in this leaflet in the following group of people who are more sensitive to this medication: young children and blond haired or/and blue eyed children, children suffering from brain damage, spastic paralysis or Down's Syndrome and elderly people. Care should be taken with mydriatics in patients where the intraocular pressure is unknown, post-operative iridectomy and in eyes with a predisposition to narrow angle glaucoma.

Drug Interaction: If you are taking another drug concomitantly or if you have just finished treatment with another medicine, inform the attending doctor in order to prevent hazards or lack of efficacy arising from drug interactions.

Side Effects: In addition to the desired effects of the medicine, adverse reactions may occur during the course of taking this medicine, such as: blurring of vision, photosensitivity (sensitivity to light see "warnings"). Consult your doctor if these symptoms continue for 14 days after completing the treatment.

Side effects that require special attention: Eye irritation or inflammation (rare) - discontinue use and consult your doctor. Side effects resulting from an overdose that indicate systemic absorption: Dry mouth or skin, skin irritation, increased thirst, general sense of debility, swollen stomach in infants, redness in the face; cease treatment and consult your doctor immediately! Anytime you experience side effects that are not listed in this leaflet, or if you feel any change in your general health, consult your doctor immediately.

Dosage: Strictly according to the doctor's instructions. Do not exceed the stated dose. If you have accidentally applied an excessive dose, rinse the eye thoroughly with water and consult the doctor.

ATTENTION: Do not swallow! This medicine is intended for external use only.

Directions for use: Wash your hands thoroughly. Tilt back your head or lie down on a bed and with the aid of a finger pull the lower eyelid slightly away from the eye. Instill the drops into the gap and apply pressure with a finger on the tear (lacrimal) sac for approx. 1-2 minutes. Try not to blink.

In order to prevent contamination of the drops, avoid touching the dropper bottle top on any surfaces including the fingers or the eyes and keep the bottle well closed when not in use. Do not use this product for more than 1 month once the bottle has been opened.

Avoid Poisoning! This medicine and all other medicine, must be stored in a safe place out of the reach of children and/or infants, to avoid poisoning. If you have taken an overdose, or if a child has accidentally swallowed the medicine, proceed immediately to a hospital emergency room and bring the package of the medicine with you. **Do not induce vomiting** unless explicitly instructed to do so by a doctor!

This medicine has been prescribed for your condition, in another patient it may cause harm. Do not give this medicine to your relatives, neighbours or acquaintances.

Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and dose **each time** you take your medicine. Wear your glasses if you need them.

Storage: Up to 25°C, closed firmly. Even if kept in the original container and stored as recommended, medicine may be kept for a limited period only. Please note the expiry date of the medicine! In the case of doubt consult the pharmacist who dispensed the medicine to you. Do not store different medication in the same package.

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