



LACROMYCIN[®]

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: Gentamycin Sulfate
(Equivalent to 0.3% Gentamycin base).

Non-active Ingredients: Benzalkonium Chloride, Povidone, Purified Water, Sodium Chloride, Sodium Phosphate Dibasic, Sodium Phosphate Monobasic.

Therapeutic group: Antibiotics of the aminoglycosides group.

Therapeutic Activity: For the treatment of infections of the external eye and its surrounds caused by Gentamycin susceptible bacteria.

When the preparation should not be used:

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

Do not use this medicine without first consulting a doctor before starting treatment: if you are pregnant (first or last trimester) or nursing, or if you have suffered or suffer from impairment of hearing or the kidneys.

Warnings: Extended use could cause the development of resistant bacteria or fungal infection. 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.

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 that require special attention: If you experience stinging, redness and swelling, discontinue 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: Only as directed by your doctor. Do not exceed the stated dosage. If you do not experience an improvement in your condition within a few days, consult your doctor. This medicine is to be taken at specific time intervals as determined by the attending doctor. If you have forgotten to take this drug as directed, you should take it immediately you remember but on no account should you take a double dosage!

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 keep your eyes closed for 1-2 minutes. Try not to blink. If you think that the drops did not enter the eye, instill another drop. Any spillage should be wiped from the face with a tissue. In order to prevent contamination, keep the bottle well closed when not in use and avoid touching the dropper bottle top on any surfaces including the hands or eyes.

How you can contribute to the success of the treatment: Complete the course of treatment as instructed by the doctor. Even if there is an improvement in your health, do not discontinue use of this medicine before consulting your doctor.

Avoid Poisoning! This medicine and all other medicine must be stored in a safe place and 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 ailment; 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: Store up to 25°C. Do not freeze. Close firmly to prevent penetration of air and humidity. Do not use this product more than 1 month after the bottle has been opened. 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 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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