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**PATIENT PACKAGE INSERT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PHARMACISTS' REGULATIONS (PREPARATIONS), 1986**

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

Read this package insert carefully in its entirety before using this medicine.

PHENICOL, EYE DROPS

Composition: Chloramphenicol 0.5%

Inactive ingredients: Polyethylene Glycol 300, Polyoxyl 40 Stearate, Boric Acid, Sodium Borate, Disodium Edetate, Benzalkonium Chloride, Purified Water.

Therapeutic activity: Antibacterial.

Indications: For the treatment of Blepharitis and Conjunctivitis caused by bacteria susceptible to chloramphenicol.

When should the preparation not be used?

Do not use this medicine if you are pregnant in the first/third trimester or breastfeeding.

Do not use this medicine if you are sensitive to any of its ingredients, or if it changes color or turns turbid.

Do not use this medicine without consulting a doctor before commencing treatment if you are suffering, or have suffered in the past from impaired function of the: Liver, Blood system (e.g. Anemia or bone marrow disorders).

Warnings: Do not use this medicine frequently, or for a long period, without consulting a doctor. During treatment with this medicine, blood tests should be performed. If you are sensitive to any kind of food or medicine, inform your doctor before using the medicine. The medicine contains the preservative Benzalkonium Chloride that can be absorbed by soft contact lenses. Do not use this medicine when soft contact lenses are inserted in your eyes. Remove contact lenses before using this medicine and reinsert into your eyes not less than 15 minutes after use of the medicine.

Drug Interactions: 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.

This is especially important for medicines belonging to the following groups: Anticoagulants, ophthalmic preparations containing steroids.

Side Effects: In addition to the desired effect of the medicine, adverse reactions may occur during the course of taking this medicine.

Effects that require special attention: In cases of hypersensitivity like redness in the eye, stinging, irritation or bone marrow depression, aplastic anemia, expressed as redness of skin, local edema, throat pains, fever, paleness, weakness, unusual bleeding, (rare cases),

stop treatment and refer to doctor immediately. In the event that you experience side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, or if there is a change in your general health, consult your doctor immediately.

Adverse reactions and drug interactions in children and infants:

Parents must inform the attending doctor about any side effect as well as any additional medicine being taken by the child. See above for details of special side effects and drug interactions.

Dosage: Dosage is according to doctor's instructions only.

Do not exceed the recommended dosage. If there is no improvement in your condition within a few days, refer to your 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 away slightly from the eye. Instil the medicine into the gap, and keep your eyes closed for 1-2 minutes. Try not to blink. To prevent contamination of the eye drops, take care not to allow the tip of the bottle to come into contact with any surface, including the finger and the eye itself and close the bottle tightly after use. Do not use this medicine for more than one month after the bottle is first opened.

How can you contribute to the success of the treatment?

Complete the full course of treatment as instructed by the doctor. Even if there is an improvement in your health, do not discontinue the use of this medicine before consulting your doctor.

Avoid poisoning! This medicine, and all other medicines, 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 accidentally swallowed, 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 the treatment of 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 the dose each time you take your medicine. Wear glasses if you need them.

Storage: Store In a refrigerator (2-8°C).

Even if kept in their original container and stored as recommended, medicines 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 medications in the same package.

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