

**Patient leaflet in accordance with the Pharmacists' Regulations  
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This medicine is dispensed with a doctor's prescription only

# **OFLOX<sup>®</sup>**

## **Ophthalmic Solution**

**Active ingredient:** ofloxacin 0.3% w/v

**Inactive ingredients and allergens:** See Section 6 'Additional Information'.

**Read the entire leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.** This leaflet contains concise information about this medicine. If you have further questions, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

This medicine has been prescribed to treat your illness. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if it seems to you that their medical condition is similar to yours.

This medicine is not intended for children or adolescence.

### **1. What is this medicine intended for?**

**OFLOX<sup>®</sup>** is for the topical treatment of external eye infections such as conjunctivitis.

**Therapeutic group:** Antibiotic from the fluoroquinolone group.

### **2. Before using this medicine**

**Do not use this medicine:**

- If you are allergic to the active ingredient, ofloxacin, or any of the other **Oflox** ingredients listed in section 6 (e.g. benzalkonium chloride) or other quinolines.
- In children and adolescents
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding

### **Special warnings about using this medicine**

**Before using Oflox tell your doctor if you have, or you suffer from:**

- a defect or ulceration of the surface of the eye.
- epilepsy or other brain or nerve disorders.
- liver or kidney problems.
- a severe dehydration.

Use of contact lenses is not recommended in patients receiving treatment for an eye infection. However if you do need to wear contact lenses, read the section 'Important information about some of this medicine's ingredients'.

There are reports of serious skin problems when using other products that contain ofloxacin.

**Oflox** may increase sensitivity to sunlight. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight or sun while using **Oflox**.

### **Heart problems:**

Use this type of medicine with caution, if you:

- were born with or have family history of prolonged QT interval (seen on ECG, which records the electrical activity of the heart).
- have salt imbalance in the blood (especially low level of potassium or magnesium in your blood).
- have a very slow heart rhythm (called 'bradycardia').
- have a weak heart (heart failure)
- have a history of heart attack (myocardial infarction).
- are a woman or elderly, or you are taking other medicines that result in abnormal ECG changes (see section taking other medicines).

**If you are taking or have recently taken other medicines, including nonprescription medications and nutritional supplements, tell your doctor or pharmacist.**

### **Children and Adolescents**

**Oflox** should not be used by children or adolescents.

### **Drug interactions**

**If you are taking or have recently taken other medicines, including nonprescription medications and dietary supplements, tell your doctor or pharmacist.**

You must tell your doctor if you are taking other medicines that can alter your heart rhythm : medicines that belong to the group of antiarrhythmics ( e.g. quinidine, hydroquinidine, disopyramide, amiodarone, sotalol, dofetilide, ibutilide), tricyclic antidepressants, some antimicrobial medicines (that belong to the group of macrolide), some antipsychotics.

### **Pregnancy and breastfeeding**

Do not use if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

### **Driving and using machines**

**Oflox** may cause short term blurring of vision when used. Do not drive or operate hazardous machinery unless your vision is clear.

### **Important information about some of this medicine's ingredients**

#### **Oflox contains Benzalkonium chloride**

This medicine contains 0.05 mg of benzalkonium chloride in 1 ml of solution which is

equivalent to 0.005% w/v.

Benzalkonium chloride is a preservative which may be absorbed by soft contact lenses and may change the colour of the contact lenses. It is recommended that you do not wear contact lenses whilst being treated with this product. However, there may be situations where use of contact lenses is unavoidable. In these situations, you should remove contact lenses before using this medicine and put them back 15 minutes afterwards.

Benzalkonium chloride may also cause eye irritation, especially if you have dry eyes or disorders of the cornea (the clear layer at the front of the eye). If you feel abnormal eye sensation, stinging or pain in the eye after using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

### **3. How to use this medicine?**

Always use according to the doctor's instructions. Your doctor will determine your dose and how you should take the medicine.

#### **Adults**

The recommended dose is one or two drops, three or four times daily in the affected eye(s).

In most cases, treatment should not be continued for more than ten days. Talk to your doctor if your symptoms persist for more than 10 days.

#### **Do not exceed the recommended dose.**

Do not swallow. This medicine is for external use only.

#### **Directions for use:**

**Oflox** comes as eye drops. Your prescription label tells you how many drops to use at each dose.





Contact lenses should not be worn during instillation of the drug. After instillation, you should wait at least 15 minutes before putting them back in.

Avoid touching the dropper tip against your eye or anything else.

Replace and tighten the cap straight after use.

The proper application of your eye drops is very important. If you have any questions ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Apply your eye drops in the following way:

<p>1.</p>  <p>Wash your hands. Tilt your head back and look at the ceiling.</p>	<p>2.</p>  <p>Using your index finger, gently pull down the lower eyelid until there is a small pocket.</p>	<p>3.</p>  <p>Turn the bottle upside down and squeeze it to release one drop into each eye that needs treatment</p>	<p>4.</p>  <p>Close your eyes gently. Do not blink. Keep your eyes shut for 1-2 minutes.</p>
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Immediately after putting the drops in your eye, use your middle finger to press the inner corner of the affected eye. Continue pressing for 1-2 minutes after putting the drops in your eye. This helps prevent the medicine from being absorbed into your body, and in this way helps prevent side effects.

- After using the medicine, wash your hands carefully to remove any medicine residue.
- To avoid spreading the infection, do not use the same container of medicine for more than one person.

Long term use may result in a new bacterial infection which cannot be successfully treated with **Oflox**.

#### **If you have accidentally taken a higher dose**

The application of too many drops is unlikely to lead to unwanted side-effects. If you accidentally place too many drops in your eye(s), apply your next dose at the scheduled time.

If a child has accidentally swallowed some of this medicine, proceed immediately to a doctor or hospital emergency room, and bring the medicine package with you.

#### **If you forget to take the medicine**

If you forget to take the medicine apply it as soon as you remember. If, however, it is almost time for your next dose, you should omit the missed dose altogether and then follow your normal routine.

#### **If you stop using OFLOX**

**Oflox** should be used as advised by your doctor. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Persist with the treatment as recommended by the doctor.

Even if your health improves, do not stop taking this medicine without consulting your doctor.

**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.**

**If you have any further questions about using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist.**

#### **4. Side effects:**

Like all medicines, **Oflox** may cause side effects in some people. Do not be alarmed by this list of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

##### **Serious side effects:**

**If you experience any side effects associated with an allergic reaction, stop using Oflox immediately and talk to your doctor. The signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction are listed below:**

*Allergic reactions:*

**Unknown frequency** (cannot be estimated from the available data)

- Allergic reactions in the eye (including itching in the eye and/or eyelid).
- Inflammation of the skin due to allergy (including: rash, itching or hives).
- Severe sudden life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylactic reaction) presenting as swelling beneath the skin that can occur in areas such as the face, lips, or other parts of the body, swelling of your mouth, tongue, or throat that can obstruct the airways which may cause wheezing, difficulty swallowing, breathing or shortness of breath.
- Potentially life-threatening skin rashes (Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis) have been reported with the use of **Oflox**, appearing initially as reddish target-like spots or circular patches often with blisters on the trunk.

**The following side effects are also known to happen:**

**If any side effect gets worse or lasts a long time, or if you notice a side effect that is not on the list, tell your doctor or pharmacist.**

**Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):**

- Eye irritation
- Ocular discomfort

**Frequency is not known** (cannot be estimated from available data)

##### **Side effects affecting the eye:**

- visual disturbance
- tearing
- inflammation
- redness
- sensitivity to light
- a feeling that something is in your eye

- eye swelling
- swelling around the eye (including eyelid swelling)
- eye pain
- dryness ( mild stinging or burning)

**Side effects affecting the body:**

- dizziness
- headache
- numbness
- nausea

**Side effects affecting the heart:**

- abnormal fast heart rhythm
- life-threatening irregular heart rhythm
- alternation of the heart rhythm (called ' prolongation of QT interval', seen on ECG electrical activity of the heart)

**If you experience any side-effect, if any side effect gets worse or if you experience a sideeffect not mentioned in this leaflet, consult your doctor.**

You can report side effects to the Ministry of Health by following the link 'Reporting Side Effects of Drug Treatment' on the Ministry of Health home page (([www.health.gov.il](http://www.health.gov.il))) which links to an online form for reporting side effects. You can also use this link: <https://sideeffects.health.gov.il/>

**5. How to store the medicine?**

Avoid poisoning! This medicine and all other medicines, must be stored in a safeplace out of the reach and sight of children and infants, to avoid poisoning. Do not induce vomiting unless explicitly instructed to do so by a doctor.

Store at a temperature below 25<sup>0</sup>C

Keep out of the reach and sight of children

Do not use **Oflox** after the expiry date (exp. date) which is stated on both the label on the bottle and on the bottom of the carton that the bottle is packed in.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not use the product if the tamper-proof seal on the bottle is broken.

Throw the bottle away 28 days after opening even if there is solution remaining.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help protect the environment.

**Additional information**

**In addition to the active ingredient this medicine also contains:** sodium chloride, benzalkonium chloride 0.005% w/v, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide and purified

water.

**What the medicine looks like and what are the contents of the package:**

**Oflox** is an eye drops and comes in a 5 ml bottle.

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