

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

Read this package insert carefully in its entirety before using this medicine
THE DISPENSING OF THIS MEDICINE REQUIRES A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

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BAMYXIN

Eye Ointment

Composition: Each gram contains:

Polymyxin B Sulfate	5000 IU
Bacitracin	400 IU
Neomycin Sulfate	5 mg

Inactive ingredients: Anhydrous lanolin, Mineral oil, Petrolatum.

Therapeutic group: The three active components are antibiotics.

Therapeutic activity: For the treatment of superficial external ocular infections caused by organisms sensitive to one or more of the antibiotics contained therein.

When should the preparation not be used?

Do not use this medicine if you are sensitive to any of the active components or to other aminoglycosides, or any other antibiotic substance.

Do not use this medicine in cases of fungal infection, herpes simplex or another ocular viral infection.

Do not use this medicine without consulting a doctor before starting treatment:

if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. If you are suffering, or have suffered in the past, from impaired function of the kidney/urinary tract. In cases of concurrent or sequential use of other nephrotoxic or neurotoxic drugs. Soon after the use of anesthesia and/or muscle relaxants.

Warnings: may cause brief blurring of vision on instillation. If your sight is affected in any way you should not drive or operate machinery.

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: Live attenuated rotavirus vaccine, any other eye preparation, anesthesia and/or muscle relaxants, quinolone antibiotics (Ciprofloxacin, Ofloxacin).

Side effects: In addition to the desired effect of the medicine, adverse reactions may occur during the course of taking this medicine, for example: blurring of vision.

These side effects usually disappear within a short time following the period of adaptation to the medicine.

Side effects that require special attention: Ocular pain, itching of the skin, increased intraocular pressure, wheezing or breathing difficulties (rare): discontinue treatment and refer to a doctor.

Stinging, irritation, redness, swelling (rare): continue treatment and refer to a doctor immediately.

Systemic side effects may occur with extensive use.

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.

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. This medicine is to be taken at specific time intervals as determined by the attending doctor. If you forget to take this medicine at the specified time, take the dose as soon as you remember, but never take a double dose to compensate for a missed one.

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

Directions for use: Wash your hands thoroughly. With the aid of a finger pull the lower eyelid slightly away from the eye to form a gap. Squeeze a thin strip of ointment from the tube (usually about 1 cm) into the gap. Close your eyes for 1-2 minutes.

To prevent contamination of the eye ointment, take care not to allow the mouth of the tube to come into contact with any surface including the finger and the eye itself. Following use, wipe the mouth of the tube with a clean paper tissue and close the tube tightly.

How can you contribute to the success of the treatment?

Complete the full course of treatment as instructed by the 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 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 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: Keep the tube tightly closed in a dark place below 25°C.

Do not refrigerate. Do not use this medicine for more than 28 days after the tub is first opened but not after the expiry date.

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.

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