

Important information. Please read carefully

## **ABCHLOR**

Ear Drops

### **Composition**

Chloramphenicol B.P .....5.0%w/v  
Phenyl mercuric nitrate as preservative..... 0.002%w/v  
In propylene glycol as a vehicle.

### **Pharmacological properties**

ABCHLOR Ear drop contains an antibiotic called Chloramphenicol. Chloramphenicol is a broad spectrum bacteriostatic antibiotic originally isolated from *Streptomyces venezuelae*, which has activity against many types of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Acute otitis externa is a common condition involving inflammation of the ear canal. The acute form is caused primarily by bacterial infection, with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* the most common pathogens. It has minimal resistance to Staphylococci and many other species of bacteria.

It interferes with the step of transferring activated amino acids from soluble RNA to ribosomes during protein synthesis. It binds to the 50S ribosomal subunit and thereby prevents the formation of the peptide bond. This leads to inhibition of further multiplication of the bacteria.

### **Indications**

ABCHLOR Ear Drops are used for short time treatment of bacterial infections of the outer ear canal (Otitis externa) in patients with intact tympanic membrane caused by susceptible micro-organisms.

### **Dosage**

Instill four drops of the medicine in the affected ear six hourly.

### **Contraindications:**

ABCHLOR ear is contraindicated in those patients who may be hypersensitive to any of its components including allergy to propylene glycol, oral administration and in perforated ear drum.

### **Precautions:**

Prolonged use of antibiotics may occasionally result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms, including fungi. If new infections appear during treatment, the drug should be discontinued and appropriate measures should be taken. In some circumstance this medicine may not be suitable for you.

- If you are pregnant or intending to become pregnant.
- If you are breast feeding a baby.

### **Drug interactions**

Your doctor or pharmacist may already be aware of any possible drug interactions and may be monitoring you for them. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicine before checking with them first. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription/herbal products you may use. Keep a list of all your medications with you, and share the list with your doctor and pharmacist.

### **Side effects**

A mild burning or stinging sensation in the ear when starting to use this preparation. If this becomes severe or if you notice any worrying symptoms, which you think may be due to this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

### **Presentation**

Clear, colorless to faintly yellow solution in sterile plastic dropper bottles of 10ml and 5ml enclosed in protective carton with leaflet.

### **Shelf life**

The manufacturing and expiry dates are indicated on the packing.

### **Storage**

Store below 30° C but do not freeze, protect from light.  
Discard after the expiration date or 4 weeks after opening the bottle.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

#### Direction for use

Tighten the cap on the nozzle  
The spike in the cap will pierce the tip of the vial.  
Dispense drops with gentle pressure.  
Replace the cap after every use.



#### Warning

1. If irritation persists or increases, discontinue the use and consult a physician.
2. Do not touch the vial tip or other dispensing tip to any surface since this may contaminate the solution.
3. Use the solution within four weeks after opening the vial.

#### Wash your hands well before use.

1. Clean the ear with warm water and dry thoroughly
2. Remove the outer cap.
3. Lie down or tilt the head so that the affected ear faces up.
4. Gently pull the ear lobe to straighten the ear canal
5. Hold the container between the thumb and middle finger of the other hand, turn the container upside down near to the ear, and try not to touch the ear.
6. Apply enough pressure to the container to release four to five drops.
7. Keep the ear facing up for a few minutes to allow the solution to come into contact with the affected area.
8. Repeat in the other ear if you have been instructed to use this preparation in both ears.
9. Replace the outer cap on the container, try not to touch the applicator tip with the fingers as you do so.
10. Wash your hands
11. After administering the ear drops, lie with the affected ear uppermost for at least ten minutes to avoid the drops running out. After this time you can put some cotton wool into the ear to get on with normal activities
12. If your symptoms do not improve within a few days or if they become worse, make an appointment to see your doctor.
13. This preparation is for you. Never give it to others even if their condition appears to be the same as yours.
14. If you suspect someone has swallowed any of this medicine, contact your doctor or go to the accident and emergency department of your local hospital at once. Always take the container with you, if possible, even if empty.



For further information, please consult your pharmacist or physician

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