

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to use ABCHLOR Eye Drops B.P. (Chloramphenicol)



ABCHLOR Eye Drops

Composition

Chloramphenicol B.P	0.5%w/v
Phenyl mercuric nitrate B .P. (as preservative).....	0.002%w/v
Aqueous vehicle	q.s

Pharmacological properties

ABCHLOR Eye 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 bacterial conjunctivitis is commonly caused by *Staphylococci* or *Streptococci* in adults, and *Haemophilus influenzae* and *Moraxella catarrhalis* particularly in children. 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 eye drops are used for the treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis due to susceptible micro-organisms. The infected eye will probably be red, gritty or itchy. ABCHLOR eye drops will help to kill the infective bacteria and allow the eye to overcome the infection.

Dosage

Two drops topically in the affected eye, every three hours or use as directed by a physician.

Contraindications:

ABCHLOR is contraindicated in those patients who may be hypersensitive to any of its components. As with all eye preparations, containing Phenyl mercuric nitrate, those using the drops should not wear soft contact lenses during treatment.

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 burning or stinging sensation for a short while after using the drops. When there is prolonged irritation, pain, swelling, watery eye or sensitivity to light, then the exposed eye should be washed with water for 15 minutes. If the symptoms continue after this, an eye examination may be required.

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 packaging

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 THE DROP OUT OF CHILDREN 'S REACH.

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 one month after opening the vial.

Wash your hands well before use.

1. Remove the outer cap.
2. Tilt the head back and pull the lower lid of the eye down to form a pocket.
3. Hold the container between the thumb and middle finger of the other hand, turn the container upside down near to the eye, and try not to touch the eye.
4. Apply enough pressure to the container to release one to two drops
5. Close the eye and keep it closed for one to two minutes
6. If you think you have missed the eye, then insert another drop.
7. Repeat in the other eye if you have been instructed to use this preparation in both eyes.
8. Replace the outer cap on the container, try not to touch the applicator tip with the fingers as you do so.
9. Wash your hands



For further information, please consult your pharmacist or physician



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1.5.4. Mock-ups and specimens

Attached below is the carton specimen