



OFLOX[®] 0.3%

(Ofloxacin w/v eyedrops, solution)

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to take your medicine.
If you have any questions, or are not sure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

- OFLOX[®]'s active ingredient is ofloxacin 3mg/ml.
- It also contains benzalkonium chloride, sodium chloride; hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment) and purified water.
- OFLOX[®] is an eye-drop and comes in a 5ml bottle.
- The authorisation holder and manufacturer is Allergan Pharmaceuticals Ireland, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland.

Uses
OFLOX[®] is for the topical treatment of external eye infections such as conjunctivitis.

Before you take this medicine
Take special care with OFLOX[®]

- Tell your doctor before using this medicine:
- (a) If you are pregnant or breast-feeding.
 - (b) If you are allergic to the active ingredient, ofloxacin, or any other antibiotic.
 - (c) If you are allergic to the preservative benzalkonium chloride or any of the other ingredients.
 - (d) If you have a defect or ulceration of the surface of the eye.

Infants
There is very limited information on the use of OFLOX[®] in infants.
If your doctor has prescribed OFLOX[®] for the treatment of your infant and you want to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact your doctor again. If your infant becomes ill during treatment with OFLOX[®] please contact your doctor immediately.

Long term use may result in a new bacterial infection which cannot be successfully treated with OFLOX[®].

- Important information about some of the ingredients of OFLOX[®]**
- Normally you should 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 remove the lenses before using OFLOX[®]. Wait at least 15 minutes after using the eye drops before putting your lenses back in your eyes.
 - A preservative in OFLOX[®] (benzalkonium chloride) may cause eye irritation and is also known to discolour soft contact lenses.


Dosage
One or two drops three or four times daily in the affected eye(s). Dosage should not normally be continued for more than ten days. Follow the instructions on your prescription label carefully, and ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain anything that you do not understand.
To be effective it must be taken regularly.

How to use the product
OFLOX[®] comes as eyedrops. 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.


Apply your eye drops in the following way:

1. 


Wash your hands. Tilt your head back and look at the ceiling.

2. 

Gently pull down the lower eyelid until there is a small pocket.

3. 

Turn the bottle upside down and squeeze it to release a drop into each eye that needs treatment.

4. 

Let go of the lower lid, and close this eye for 30 seconds.