

CONSUMER MEDICINE INFORMATION

OCUFLOX® Eye Drops (ofloxacin 3 mg/mL)

The information in this leaflet is ONLY a summary and is not a complete statement about OCUFLOX® eye drops. Your doctor has more detailed information relating to you, your medical history and the product and should be consulted so that you will be informed about all aspects of OCUFLOX® eye drops as it relates to you.

Please read this leaflet carefully before using OCUFLOX® eye drops and keep this leaflet handy while you are on the medication. If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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All medicines have benefits and risks. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you using OCUFLOX® eye drops against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

What are OCUFLOX® eye drops?

These eye drops contain the drug ofloxacin and are used to treat certain eye infections.

What is in OCUFLOX® eye drops?

Each bottle contains ofloxacin, which is an antibiotic, as the active ingredient. Other ingredients are benzalkonium chloride 0.05 mg/mL, sodium chloride 9 mg/mL and purified water.

What do they look like?

The eye drops are in a 5 mL sterile plastic bottle.

2. WHAT OCUFLOX® EYE DROPS ARE USED FOR

How OCUFLOX® eye drops work

OCUFLOX® eye drops act by killing a wide range of bacteria that cause certain eye infections such as conjunctivitis (inflamed eyes) and corneal ulcers (infection on the surface of the eye).

Availability

OCUFLOX® eye drops are available only on prescription at pharmacies. This product has been approved in Australia for the use listed above. However, your doctor may prescribe this medicine for another use. If you want more information, ask your doctor.

3. WHAT TO BE CAREFUL OF

When you must not use OCUFLOX® eye drops:

- if you are pregnant;
- when wearing contact lenses;
- if you are allergic to ofloxacin or any of the ingredients listed;
- if you have a tendency to develop deposits/tearing of the surface of the eye;
- 4 weeks after opening them;
- past the expiry date. The EXPIRY date is marked on the bottle, e.g. 11 98, refers to the eleventh month of 1998,
- or if the package is torn or shows signs of being tampered with.

Tell your doctor if:

- you are pregnant or have the intention of becoming pregnant;
- you are breast feeding or planning to start breast feeding;
- you have an allergy to antibiotics;
- you wear contact lenses;
- you are taking other medicines, including any you have bought at your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

4. HOW TO USE OCUFLOX® EYE DROPS

Conjunctivitis.

The usual dosage of eye drops is one drop in the eye(s) every four hours for the first two days, then one drop every six hours for up to eight days. Do not stop using OCUFLOX® eye drops even if you feel well unless instructed by your doctor. You should not normally use these drops for this complaint for more than 10 days without checking with your doctor.

Corneal Ulcer.

The usual dosage of eye drops is one drop in the eye(s) every 30 minutes (while awake) for the first two days, then one drop every hour for the next four days. Then put one drop in the eye(s) four times daily until your doctor tells you to stop. Your eye(s) will usually be completely healed within 21 days. Do not stop using OCUFLOX® eye drops even if you feel well unless instructed by your doctor.

Helpful Hints

Open the eye(s) needing the drops, tilt your head back and look upward.

Gently pull down the lower eyelid.

Bring the eye drops near the eye and squeeze one drop into the eye.

Avoid touching the eye, eyelids or lashes with the dropper.

Close your eyes and blink; this helps distribute the drops in the eye chamber.

While your eyes are closed, gently press your fingers on the inner corner(s) of your eye(s).

Wipe any excess away with a clean tissue.

Replace cap on the dropper bottle.

Use in children

These eye drops should not be recommended for use in children under the age of 12 years.

If you forget to use them

Use the eye drops as soon as you remember, and then go back to using them as you would normally.

If it is almost time for your next dose, ignore the dose you missed and put the drops in when you are meant to.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.
If you have missed several doses, consult your doctor.

If you have trouble remembering when to use your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

Things to be careful of

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using OCUFLOX® eye drops.

Keep enough eye drops to last weekends and holidays.

Do not give these eye drops to anyone else.

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how OCUFLOX® eye drops affect you.
When using OCUFLOX® eye drops avoid direct exposure to sunlight or artificial ultraviolet light.

Overdose

Telephone your doctor or go to casualty at your nearest hospital immediately if you think that you or anyone else may have swallowed or used too many OCUFLOX® eye drops in your eye(s) even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

If you have used too many OCUFLOX® eye drops you may have burning, stinging, tearing, itching and pain of the eye(s) (see below 'Side effects'). The eye(s) should be flushed with water or saline solution. If you have questions or concerns, or are not sure about something, please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

5. SIDE EFFECTS

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. Some patients may experience unwanted effects during OCUFLOX® treatment. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

If while undergoing treatment with OCUFLOX® eye drops you experience any side-effects or symptoms which may be due to this medication (whether or not it is mentioned below) please inform your Doctor or Pharmacist as early as possible.

Things which may occur : Burning, stinging, tearing and itching of the eyes, feeling that there is something in the eye, inability to tolerate bright light, blurred vision, red and inflamed eyes, swelling around the eyes, itchy eye/eyelid, dry eyes, eye pain, dizziness and nausea.

6. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Store in the original eye drop bottle.

Keep in a cool dry place.

KEEP ALL MEDICINES WHERE YOUNG CHILDREN CANNOT REACH THEM.

OCUFLOX® eye drops should be protected from light and excessive heat.

Do not put the eye drops in the freezer.

Any open unused OCUFLOX® eye drops should be thrown out after 4 weeks of use or returned to your pharmacist.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any further questions on your OCUFLOX® treatment, or are unsure of the information, please see your doctor or dispensing pharmacist, who will be able to assist you.

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