

APPROVED PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

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SCHEDULING STATUS

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1. NAME OF THE MEDICINE

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v, EYE DROPS

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v

Each vial contains Chloramphenicol 0, 5% w/v is equivalent to

0, 5mg/mL Chloramphenicol and Phenylmercuric nitrate 0, 002 % w/v is equivalent to 0, 002mg/mL Phenylmercuric nitrate as a preservative.

For full list of excipients, (See section 6.1)

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

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4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1. Therapeutic indications

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Chloramphenicol is indicated in adults and children.

4.2. Posology and method of administration

Adults (including the Elderly)

One to two drops applied topically to each affected eye up to six times daily or more frequently if required. Severe infections may require one or two drops every fifteen to twenty minutes initially, reducing the frequency of instillation gradually as the infection is controlled.

Paediatric population

As for adults however, dosage adjustment may be necessary in newborn infants because of

reduced systemic elimination due to immature metabolism and the risk of dose-related adverse effects.

The maximum duration of treatment is 10 – 14 days.

Method of administration:

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4.3. Contraindications

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v should not be administered to patients with a known personal or family history of blood dyscrasias including aplastic anaemia.

A history of hypersensitivity to the Chloramphenicol or any excipients listed in section 6.1.

Pregnancy and lactation (refer to section 4.6)

Porphyria (refer to section 4.4)

4.4. Special warnings and precautions for use

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v is absorbed systemically from the eye and toxicity has been reported following chronic exposure.

Bone marrow hypoplasia, including aplastic anaemia and death, has been reported following topical use of CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v. Whilst the hazard is a rare one, it should be borne in mind when assessing the benefits expected from the use of the compound. Where CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v is used on a long-term or intermittent basis, it may be advisable to perform a routine blood profile before therapy and at appropriate intervals thereafter to detect any haemopoietic abnormalities.

In severe infections the topical use of chloramphenicol should be supplemented by appropriate systemic treatment. Prolonged use of chloramphenicol eye drops should be avoided as it may increase the likelihood of sensitisation and emergence of resistant organisms. If any new infection appears during treatment, the antibiotic should be discontinued and appropriate measures taken. CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v should be reserved for use only in infections for which it is specifically indicated.

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v does not provide adequate coverage against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Serratia marcescens*.

Medical advice should be sought if there is no improvement in the condition after 2 days or if symptoms worsen at any time.

Patients should be referred to their doctor if any of the following apply:

- Disturbed vision
- Severe pain within the eye
- Photophobia
- Eye inflammation associated with a rash on the scalp or face
- The eye looks cloudy
- The pupil looks unusual
- Suspected foreign body in the eye

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v should be used with caution in patients with a history of:

- Previous conjunctivitis in the recent past
- Glaucoma
- Dry eye syndrome
- Eye surgery or laser treatment in the last 6 months
- Eye injury
- Current use of other eye drops or eye ointment
- Contact lens use

Soft contact lenses should not be worn during treatment with CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v due to absorption of the preservative onto the lens which may cause damage to the lens. It is recommended that all types of contact lenses be avoided during ocular infections.

The packaging will convey the following information:

- Seek further immediate medical advice at any time if symptoms worsen
- Do not use if you are allergic to chloramphenicol or any of the ingredients

Phenylmercuric nitrate is irritating to the skin. Topical application to eyes has been associated with mercurialentis and atypical band keratopathy.

Chloramphenicol has been associated with acute attacks of porphyria (disturbance in porphyrin metabolism) and is considered unsafe in patients with acute porphyria.

4.5. Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction

The concomitant administration of CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v with other medicines liable to depress bone marrow function, aplastic anaemia should be avoided (see section 4.4).

4.6. Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Fertility:

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v safety and efficacy on fertility has not been established

Pregnancy:

The safety of CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v safety in pregnancy has not been established.

Lactation:

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v may be absorbed systemically following the use of eye drops and may cross the placenta and appear in breast milk. Therefore this product is not recommended for use during lactation or Breast feeding.

4.7. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0, 5% w/v has a minor influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Blurring of vision can occur with the drops and patients should be warned not to drive or operate machinery unless their vision is clear.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Adverse reactions reported are included in the table below. The frequencies correspond with: Frequency unknown (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

a. Tabulated list of adverse reactions

System Organ Class	Frequency
Blood & lymphatic system disorders	
Blood dyscrasias	Rare
Aplastic anaemia*	Frequency unknown
Bone marrow suppression	Frequency unknown

Idiosyncratic or related to dose and duration of treatment	Frequency unknown
Immune system disorders	
Anaphylactic reaction*	Frequency unknown
Nervous system disorders	
Burning sensation	Frequency unknown
Eye disorders	
Transient irritation, Burning, Stinging and sensitivity reactions such as itching,	Frequency unknown
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	
Angioedema*, Dermatitis* (including vesicular & maculopapular dermatitis) Urticaria,	Frequency unknown
General disorders and administration site conditions	
Pain (stinging sensation) Pyrexia*	Frequency unknown
Jarish-Herxheimer-like reactions may occur. Prolonged use may result in the overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms, including fungi. If irritation, pain, swelling, lacrimation of photophobia occurs after use, eye should be washed out for at least 15 minutes.	Frequency unknown
Hypersensitivity reactions: rashes and Angioedema	Less frequent
Fever, anaphylaxis	Rare

*Causes for discontinuation

f. Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

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4.9 Overdose

Symptoms

Accidental ingestion is unlikely to cause systemic toxicity due to the low content of the antibiotic in the product. If irritation, pain, swelling, lacrimation photophobia may occur after undesired eye contact.

Management

The exposed eye(s) should be irrigated for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist after this, an ophthalmological examination should be considered.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antibiotics

ATC code: S01AA01

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Mechanism of action

Chloramphenicol exerts its antibacterial effect by reversibly binding to bacterial ribosomes thereby inhibiting bacterial protein synthesis.

5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

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5.3 Preclinical safety data

Not applicable

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1. List of excipients

Chloramphenicol Ph.Eur

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6.2. Incompatibilities

Not Applicable

6.3. Shelf life

Proposed shelf-life for unopened vial: 24 months.

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6.4. Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator at a temperature between 2°C and 8°C.

Keep the bottle in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

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6.5. Nature and contents of container

LDPE vial:

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Ofthalmies Oplissing

(Chlooramfenikol 0,5 % w/v)

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1. NAAM VAN DIE MEDIKASIE

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v

2. KWALITATIEWE EN KWANTITATIEWE SAMESTELLING

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v

Elke flessie bevat Chlooramfenikol 0,5 % w/v, gelykstaande aan 0,5 mg/mL Chlooramfenikol en Fenielkwiknitraat 0,002 % w/v, gelykstaande aan 0,002 mg/mL Fenielkwiknitraat, as 'n preserveermiddel. (Kyk afdeling 6.1 vir volledige lys hulpstowwe.)

3. FARMASEUTIESE FORMAAT

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v is 'n deursigtige, kleurlose tot dowwe geel wateroplossing, feitlik helder en feitlik vry van deeltjies.

4. KLINIESE BESONDERHEDE

4.1 Terapeutiese aanduidings

CHLORAMPHENICOL OOGDRUPPELSBP 0,5 % w/v word gebruik vir die plaaslike behandeling van akute ooginfeksies wat deur vatbare organismes veroorsaak word. Chlooramfenikol word vir volwassenes en kinders aangedui.

4.2. Dosering en metode van toediening

Volwassenes (bejaardes ingesluit)

Een tot twee druppels word toepies op elke aangetaste oog toegedien tot ses keer per dag of meer gereeld indien nodig. Ernstige infeksies kan aanvanklik een of twee druppels elke vyftien tot twintig minute vereis, wat die frekwensie van instilasie geleidelik verminder soos die infeksie beheer word. Pediatriese bevolking Netsoos vir volwassenes, egter, kan dosisaanpassing by pasgebore babas nodig wees as gevolg van verminderde sistemiese eliminasië as gevolg van onvolwasse metabolisme en die risiko van dosisverwante nadelige effekte. Die maksimum duur van behandeling is 10 – 14 dae.

Toediëningsmetode:

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v is slegs vir okulêre gebruik - Topikale toediening aan die oog soos voorgeskryf deur die oogarts.

4.3. Teenaanduidings (kontra-indikasies) CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v moenie toegedien word aan pasiënte met 'n bekende persoonlike geskiedenis of familiegeskiedenis van bloeddiskrasie nie. Dit sluit aplastiese anemie in.

'n Geskiedenis van hipersensitiewiteit vir Chloramfenikol of enige hulpstowwe soos gelys in afdeling 6.1.

Swangerskap en laktasie (verwys na afdeling 4.6)

Porfirie (verwys na afdeling 4.4)

4.4. Spesiale waarskuwings en voorsogmaatreëls vir gebruik

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v word sistemies vanuit die oog geabsorbeer en toksisiteit is gerapporteer na chroniese blootstelling.

Beenmurghipoplasie, insluitend aplastiese anemie en dood, is aangemeld na aktuele gebruik van CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v. Alhoewel die gevaar 'n seldsame een is, moet dit in gedagte gehou word wanneer die voordeel beoordeel word wat van die gebruik van die verbinding verwag word. Waar CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v op 'n langtermyn- of onderbroke basis gebruik word, kan dit raadsaam wees om 'n roetine-bloedprofiel voor terapie en met toepaslike tussenposes daarna uit te voer om enige hemopoiëtiese abnormaliteite op te spoor.

In ernstige infeksies moet die topikale gebruik van chlooramfenikol aangevul word deur toepaslike sistemiese behandeling. Langdurige gebruik van chlooramfenikol oogdruppels moet vermy word aangesien dit die waarsynlikheid van sensitisering en opkoms van weerstandbiedende organismes kan verhoog. Indien enige nuwe infeksie tydens behandeling voorkom, moet die antibiotika gestaak word en toepaslike maatreëls getref word.

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v moet gereserveer word vir gebruik slegs in infeksies waarvoor dit spesifiek aangedui is.

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v bied nie voldoende dekking teen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* en *Serratia marcescens* nie.

Mediese advies moet ingewin word indien daar na 2 dae geen verbetering in die toestand is nie of as simptome te eniger tyd vererger.

Pasiënte moet na hul dokter verwys word indien hulle enige van die volgende ondervind:

- Versteurde visie
- Erge pyn in die oog
- Fotofobie
- Oogontsteking geassosieer met 'n uitslag op die koppel of gesig
- Die oog lyk troebel
- Die pupil lyk onnatuurlik
- Vermoedelik 'n vreemde voorwerp in oog

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v moet met omsigtigheid gebruik word by pasiënte met 'n geskiedenis van:

- Vorige konjunktivitis in die onlangse verlede
- Gloukoom
- Droë oog-sindroom
- Oogchirurgie of laserbehandeling in die afgelope 6 maande
- Oogbesering
- Huidige gebruik van ander oogdruppels of oogself
- Kontaklensgebruik

Sagte kontaklense moet nie tydens behandeling met CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v gedra word nie as gevolg van absorpsie van die preserveermiddel op die lens wat skade aan die lens kan veroorsaak. Daar word aanbeveel dat alle soorte kontaklense tydens ooginfeksies vermy word. Die verpakking sal die volgende inligting oordra:

- Soek enige tyd verdere onmiddellike mediese advies indien simptome vererger
- Moenie gebruik as u allergies is vir chlooramfenikol of enige van die bestanddele nie Feniel-kwiknitraat is irriterend vir die vel. Topiese toediening oê word geassosieer met mercurialentis en a-tipiese bandkeratopatie.

Chlooramfenikol word geassosieer met akute aanvalle van porfirie (versteying in porfirienmetabolisme) en word as onveilig beskou by pasiënte met akute porfirie.

4.5 Interaksie met ander medisyne en ander vorme van interaksie

Die gelyktydige toediening van CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v en ander medikasie wat geneig is om beenmurgfunksie, a-plastiese anemie, te onderdruk, moet vermy word (kyk afdeling 4.4).

4.6 Vrugbaarheid, swangerskap en laktasie

Vrugbaarheid:

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v se veiligheid en doeltreffendheid t.o.v. vrugbaarheid is nie vasgestel nie.

Swangerskap:

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CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v kan sistemies geabsorbeer word na die gebruik van oogdruppels en kan die plasenta oortrek en in borsmelk voorkom. Daarom word hierdie produk nie aanbeveel vir gebruik tydens laktasie of borsvoeding nie.

4.7 Effekte op vermoë om te bestuur en masjiene te gebruik

CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE DROPS BP 0,5 % w/v het 'n geringe invloed op die vermoë om te bestuur en masjiene te gebruik. Vervaagde sig kan a.g.v. die druppels voorkom en pasiënte moet gewaarsku word om nie te bestuur of masjinerie te gebruik nie, tensy hul visie helder is.

4.8 Ongewenste effekte

Gerapporteerde nuwe-reaksies is in die tabel hieronder ingesluit. Die frekwensies stem ooreen met: Frekwensie onbekend (kan nie uit die beskikbare data geskat word nie).

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Klas Stelselorgaan	Gereeldheid
Bloed- & limfstelselkwale	
Bloeddiskrasies	Skaars
A-plastiese anemie*	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Beenmurgonderdrukking	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Idiosinkraties of verwant aan dosis en duur van behandeling	
Immuunstelselkwale	
Anafilaktiese reaksie*	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Senustelselkwale	
Brandende sensasie	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Oogkwale	
Verbygaande irritasie, Brandgevoel, Prikkeling- en sensitieweitreaksies soos jeuk,	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Vel- en ondervelse weefselkwale	
Angioedeem* Dermatitis* (sluit vesikulêre & makulopapulê dermatitis in) Urtikarie,	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Algemene kwale en administrasieperseeltoestande	
Pyn (steeksensasie) Pireksie*	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Jarish–Herxheimeragtige reaksies mag plaasvind. Verlengde terug- mag lei tot die geil groei van nie-vatbare organismes, wat fungi insluit.. As irritasie, pyn, swelling, traanafskeidig of fotofobia na gebruik plaasvind, moet die oog vir mistens 15 minute afgespoel word.	Gereeldheid Onbekend
Hipersensitieweitreaksies: uitslag en Angioedeem	Minder gereeld
Koors, anafлакse	Skaars

*Redes om opte hou

f. Verslagdoening van vermoedelik nadelige reaksies

Dit is belangrik om vermoedelik nadelige reaksies na die magtiging van die medisinale produk te rapporteer. Dit laat voortgesette monitoring van die voordeel/risikobalans van die medikasie toe. Gesondheidsorg personeel word gevra om enige vermoedelike nadelige reaksies by SAHPRA aan te meld via die "6.04 vorm vir die Aanmeld van Nadelige Reaksies op Medikasies". Dit word gevind onder Sahpra se publikasies: <https://www.sahpra.org.za/publications/index/8>

4.9 Oordosis

Simptome

Dit is onwaarskynlik dat toevallige inname sistemiese toksisiteit sal veroorsaak as gevolg van die lae inhoud van die antibiotikum in die produk. Irritasie, pyn, swelling, traanafskeiding, of fotofobie kan voorkom na ongewenste kontak met die oë.

Behandeling

Die blootgestelde oog (oë) moet minstens 15 minute lank afgespoel word. As simptome hierna voortduur, moet 'n oogheelkundige ondersoek oorweeg word.

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