

GOLDEN EYE OINTMENT

(Dibromopropamidine Isethionate BP)

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to use this medicine. If you do not understand it or you want to know more, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Keep the leaflet, you may want to read it again.

WHAT IS IN YOUR MEDICINE?

The name of your medicine is Golden Eye Ointment. Each tube contains 0.15% w/w of an active ingredient, Dibromopropamidine Isethionate BP. It also contains liquid paraffin and Plastibase 30w (dispersed polyethylene in mineral oil).

Golden Eye Ointment is available in a tube of 5gm.

WHO HAS MADE YOUR MEDICINE?

The marketing authorisation for Golden Eye Ointment is held by Typharm Limited, Unit 14D Wendover Road, Rackheath Industrial Estate, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 6LH, UK.

It is manufactured by Patheon UK Limited, Kingfisher Drive, Covington, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 5BZ, UK.

WHAT IS YOUR MEDICINE USED FOR?

Dibromopropamidine Isethionate, the active ingredient, is an antiseptic used to kill bacteria. Golden Eye Ointment is used to treat minor eye or eyelid infections, such as conjunctivitis and blepharitis (inflammation of the eyelids).

WILL THE MEDICINE SUIT YOU?

Before you start to use Golden Eye Ointment, please read the following questions:-

- * Have you ever suffered a severe reaction or are allergic to this or any of the ingredients in this product?
- * Are you pregnant or trying to become pregnant?
- * Are you breast feeding?
- * Do you wear contact lenses?

If you answer **YES** to ANY of these questions, you **MUST** tell your pharmacist before using this product.

WHAT ABOUT DRIVING OR OPERATING MACHINERY?

Golden Eye Ointment can sometimes cause blurred vision for a short while after administration. You must not drive or operate machinery until you can see clearly again.

ARE YOU TAKING ANY OTHER MEDICINES?

Golden Eye Ointment is unlikely to interfere with other medicines that you are using. However, it is important that you tell your doctor or pharmacist about ALL medicines that you are taking, including those bought without a prescription.

HOW SHOULD YOU USE GOLDEN EYE OINTMENT?



- * Apply once or twice a day.
- * Wash your hands. Tilt your head backwards. Pull down the lower eyelid. Squeeze half an inch of ointment inside the lower lid.
- * Close your eye. Wipe away any excess ointment with a clean tissue. Replace the cap on the tube.
- * If your condition does not improve after two days, stop using the ointment and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

WHAT IF YOU MISS A DOSE?

If you forget to use your medicine at the correct time, do not worry. Do not use twice as much next time. Just use your medicine as soon as you remember and carry on as before.

WHAT IF YOU USE TOO MUCH?

If you use too much ointment by accident, you should tell your doctor or your pharmacist as soon as possible.

WHAT ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

Like all medicines, Golden Eye Ointment may cause you some problems. Sometimes patients develop allergic reactions, such as itching or a skin rash or their eyes may sting or burn. If this happens to you, you must see a doctor as soon as possible. If your vision is disturbed or symptoms become worse, discontinue use and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

If you have any other problems and think that your medicine may be causing them, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD YOU STORE YOUR MEDICINE?

Do not use your medicine after the expiry date shown on the label.

Store this medicine at normal room temperature (below 25°C). Keep it in the pack in which it was given to you.

After the tube has been opened for four weeks, do not use any remaining ointment. Throw away the tube or take it back to your pharmacist.

Keep this medicine in a safe place where children cannot get at it. Your medicine could harm them.

If your doctor tells you to stop your treatment, return any left over to the pharmacist. Only keep it if the doctor tells you to.

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