

TOBREX OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

Tobramycin (3mg/ml)

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What TOBREX is used for

Tobrex is a topical antibiotic indicated in the treatment of bacterial infections of the eye.

How TOBREX works

Tobramycin works by stopping the growth of bacteria.

Before you use TOBREX

- When you must not use it

Do not use Tobrex if you are allergic to tobramycin or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Tobrex should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. If you are pregnant, you think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine. Tobrex is not recommended during breastfeeding.

- Before you start to use it

A preservative in Tobrex (benzalkonium chloride) may cause eye irritation and is also known to discolour soft contact lenses.

Wearing contact lenses is not recommended during treatment of an eye infection. If you are allowed to wear contact lenses you should remove them before using this product and wait at least 15 minutes before putting your lenses back in.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

If you are using other antibiotic treatment with Tobrex, ask your doctor for advice.

Tobrex Ophthalmic Ointment may be used in conjunction with Tobrex Ophthalmic Solution.

How to use TOBREX

- How much to use

For mild and moderate infections, 1-2 drops instilled in the conjunctival sac with regular intervals with 4 hours between individual instillations for 7 days.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue using Tobrex for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

If you forget to use Tobrex, continue with the next dose as planned. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not use a double dose to make up for forgotten individual doses.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If you use more Tobrex than you should, rinse it all out with warm water. However, no undesirable effects are to be expected. Do not put in any more drops until it is time for your next regular dose.

While you are using TOBREX

- Things you must do

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist or nurse has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist or nurse if you are not sure.

Keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.

After cap is removed, if tamper evident snap collar is loose, remove before using product.

Only use Tobrex for dropping in your eye(s).

If a drop misses your eye, try again.

Keep the eyelid closed, while simultaneously applying gentle pressure to inner corner of the eye with a finger to limit the amount of medicine that will flow into the blood after application of the eye drops.

If you are using other eye drop or eye ointment medicines, leave at least 5 minutes between each medicine. Eye ointments should be administered last.

If you experience allergic reactions with Tobrex, discontinue use and consult your doctor. Allergic reactions may vary from localized itching or skin redness to severe

allergic reactions (anaphylactic reaction) or serious skin reactions. These allergic reactions may occur with other topical or systemic antibiotics of the same family (aminoglycosides).

If your symptoms get worse or suddenly return, please consult your doctor. If you use Tobrex for a long period of time you may become more susceptible to eye infections.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop using the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

- Things to be careful of

You may find your vision is blurred for a time after you use Tobrex. Do not drive or use machines until this has worn off.

To prevent contamination of the dropper tip and solution, care must be taken not to touch the eyelids, surrounding areas or other surfaces with the dropper tip.

Side effects of TOBEX

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The following side effects have been seen with Tobrex:

Common side effects (may occur in 1 to 10 users in 100)

Effects in the eye: eye discomfort, redness of the eye

Uncommon side effects (may occur in 1 to 10 users in 1,000)

Effects in the eye: eye surface inflammation, corneal damage, visual

impairment, blurred vision, eyelid redness, swelling of the eye and eyelid, eye pain, dry eye, eye discharge, itchy eye, increased tear production
General side effects: allergy (hypersensitivity), headache, hives, skin inflammation, decreased growth or number of eyelashes, loss of pigmentation of the skin, itching, and dry skin

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npdra.gov.my [Consumers→ Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and Disposal of TOBEX

- Storage

Do not store above 30°C.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

- Disposal

Discard 4 weeks after first opening. Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

Tobrex is clear, colorless to pale yellow or pale brown solution.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient(s)
Tobramycin 3mg/ml

- Inactive ingredients
Benzalkonium chloride 0.1mg/ml, boric acid, tyloxapol, sodium chloride, sodium sulphate anhydrous, sulphuric acid and/or sodium hydroxide (to adjust pH), purified water

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