

# NICOL EYE DROPS®

Chloramphenicol (0.5% w/v)

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## What Nicol is used for

Nicol is used to treat an eye infection such as bacterial conjunctivitis (bacterial infection involving the mucous membrane of the surface of the eye), blepharitis (inflammation of the eyelid caused by bacterial eyelid infection), keratitis (inflammation of the cornea) and trachoma (inflammatory disease of eye that leads to blindness).

The most common symptom is the presence of a sticky yellow-white discharge with mucus and pus (or glued eyes, especially in the morning on waking).

Other symptoms include a gritty sensation in the eye, redness, irritation and watering of the eyes. The infection usually starts in one eye and then spreads to the other.

Your doctor may have prescribed Nicol for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Nicol has been prescribed for you.

## How Nicol works

The active ingredient is called chloramphenicol.

Chloramphenicol is an antibiotic widely used against disease – causing bacteria which prevent bacterial production.

## Before you use Nicol

### - When you must not use it

Do not use Nicol if you are hypersensitivity to:

- Chloramphenicol
- Bone marrow depression.
- Any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction to Nicol may include irritation, pain and swelling in the eye. Skin rashes, blisters and fever may also occur.

Do not use Nicol after the expiry date printed on the pack. If you use this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.

Do not use Nicol if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Do not give Nicol to children under 2 years of age unless your doctor or optometrist tells you.

### Pregnancy and lactation

Do not take Nicol if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Nicol if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

### - Before you start use it

You must tell your doctor or optometrist if:

- You are allergic to any other medicines or any foods, dyes or preservatives.
- You have any other medical conditions/health problems.

### - Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor, pharmacist or optometrist if you are using any other medicines, including medicines that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with Nicol. These include other eye drops and eye ointments.

These medicines may reduce or increase the effectiveness of Nicol, reduce its own effectiveness and/or react with Nicol resulting in untoward or sometimes dangerous side effects.

Your doctor, pharmacist or optometrist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while using Nicol.

## How to use Nicol

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully.

These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the pack, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

### - How much to use

The dose of Nicol may be different for each person and their medical condition. Your doctor and pharmacist will recommend the right dose for you.

### The recommended doses are

Instill 1 or 2 eye drops in the affected eye(s) every one or two hour, then subsequently at longer intervals Or apply as directed by your pharmacist or doctor.

### - When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

### - How long to use it

Continue taking Nicol as your doctor recommends.

### - If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- *If you use too much (overdose)*  
Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department at the nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

### **While you are using it**

#### - *Things you must do*

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are using Nicol.

If you become pregnant while you are using Nicol tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are using Nicol.

#### - *Things you must not do*

Do not use Nicol for a longer time than your doctor, optometrist or pharmacist has prescribed.

Do not increase the dose, without first checking with your doctor, optometrist or pharmacist.

Do not use Nicol to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to do so.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you

#### - *Things to be careful of*

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Nicol affects you.

### **Side effects**

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of using this medicine.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you notice any of the following:

- Local eye irritation with itching and burning.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

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

### **Storage and Disposal of Nicol**

#### - *Storage*

- Keep Nicol in a refrigerator where the temperature stays between 2 - 8°C until opened.
- Do not freeze this medicine
- Discard 4 weeks after opening.
- Protect from light

Do not store your medicine, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one and a half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

#### - *Disposal*

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*

Nicol eye drops is a colorless and odorless liquid.

#### - *Ingredients*

##### - *Active ingredient*

Nicol eye drops contain active ingredient:-

- Chloramphenicol 0.5%

##### - *Inactive ingredients*

- Macrogol 400 (Polyethylene Glycol 400mg)
- Benzalkonium Chloride Solution 50%
- Cremophor RH 40
- Boric Acid
- Borax

#### - *MAL number:*

MAL 10110022ACZ

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