

CIPOFAIN

Ciprofloxacin Sterile Ophthalmic Solution 0.3% w/v

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WHAT CIPOFAIN IS USED FOR

CIPOFAIN belongs to a group of medicines known as **quinolone antibiotics**.

It is used for the treatment of corneal ulcers, conjunctivitis and some other bacterial infections of the eye(s).

HOW CIPOFAIN WORKS

It works by stopping the growth of the bacteria.

BEFORE YOU USE CIPOFAIN

When you must not use it

- If you are **allergic to ciprofloxacin** or any other **quinolone antibiotic** or to any of the other ingredients listed in section Product Description.

Ask your doctor for advice.

Before you start to use it

- Only use **CIPOFAIN** in your eyes.
- As with any antibiotic, **use of CIPOFAIN for a long time** may lead to other infections. If your symptoms **get worse or suddenly return** tell your doctor. You may become susceptible to other infections with the use of this medicine, especially after prolonged use.
- If you notice the first signs of a skin rash or any other allergic reaction, including hives, itching, breathing problems stop treatment and immediately contact your doctor. If you have a serious allergic reaction then you may need emergency treatment.
- If you feel pain, swelling or inflammation while or shortly after taking this medicine, stop treatment and contact your doctor.
- If you are elderly or if you are taking medicines called 'corticosteroids' used to treat conditions such as pain and inflammation, asthma or skin

problem then you have a higher risk of getting tendon problems during treatment with **CIPOFAIN**. If you experience any inflammation or inflammatory condition, stop treatment and immediately consult your doctor.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or might get pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding a baby, **talk to your doctor** before you use **CIPOFAIN**.

Driving and using machines

If your sight is temporarily blurred or affected in any way following use of **CIPOFAIN** you should not drive or operate machinery until your vision is clear again.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. If you are using more than one type of eye medicine, the medicines must be used at least 5 minutes apart. Eye ointments should be used last.

Important information if you wear Contact Lenses

There is a preservative in **CIPOFAIN** (benzalkonium chloride) that may cause eye irritation and can discolour soft contact lenses. Do not wear contact lenses (hard or soft) during treatment with **CIPOFAIN**.

HOW TO USE CIPOFAIN

How much to use

This will depend on whether you are being treated for corneal ulcers or for some other bacterial infection in your eye.

Corneal Ulcers

Dosing is **continued during the night time**.

Day 1: 2 drops every 15 minutes for the first 6 hours and then 2 drops every 30 minutes.

Day 2: 2 drops every hour.

Day 3 to Day 14: 2 drops every 4 hours.

Your doctor will tell you if treatment needs to be continued for longer than 14 days.

Conjunctivitis

1 or 2 drops every 2 hours for the first 2 days and 1 or 2 drops every 4 hours for the next 5 days, while you are awake.

When to use it

It is important that you **continue to use CIPOFAIN** for the **full treatment period** as advised by your doctor even if your symptoms improve. If you stop using this medicine too early, your symptoms may re-occur.

How long to use it

You should not use **CIPOFAIN** for **more than 21 days**, unless your doctor says otherwise.

Always use **CIPOFAIN** exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

If you forget to use it

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

If you use too much (overdose)

You may rinse the eyes with warm water if you think you have used too much of this medicine. An overdose of ciprofloxacin ophthalmic is not likely to cause life-threatening symptoms.

WHILE YOU ARE USING IT

Things you must do:

To instill the eye drops, follow these steps:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after using **CIPOFAIN**.
2. Check the dropper tip to make sure that it is not chipped or cracked.
3. Avoid touching the dropper tip against your eye or anything else; eye drops and droppers must be kept clean.
4. While tilting your head back, pull down the lower lid of your eye with your index finger to form a pocket.
5. Hold the dropper (tip down) with the other hand, as close to the eye as possible without touching it.
6. Close your eye for 2 to 3 minutes and tip your head down as though

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- looking at the floor. Try not to blink or squeeze your eyelids.
- Place a finger on the tear duct and apply gentle pressure.
 - Wipe any excess liquid from your face with a tissue.
 - If you are to use more than one drop in the same eye, wait at least 5 minutes before instilling the next drop.
 - Replace and tighten the cap on the dropper bottle. Do not wipe or rinse the dropper tip.

Things you must not do:

Do not allow the tip of the tube or dropper to touch any surface, including the eyes or hands. If the dropper becomes contaminated it could cause an infection in your eye, which can lead to vision loss or serious damage to the eye. Do not use other eye drops or medications during treatment unless otherwise directed by your doctor.

Things to be careful of

Do not let anyone else use your medication. Your prescription is not refillable. If you still have symptoms of infection after you finish the CIPOFAIN, call your doctor.

SIDE EFFECTS

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

- You may experience some or all of the following effects in your eye(s):**
 - burning
 - discomfort
 - itching
 - feeling of something in the eye
 - redness of the eye or inside of the eyelid, crusting on the eyelid
 - swollen eyelid(s)
 - decreased vision
 - watery eyes
 - Sensitivity to light
 - White particles in your eyes.

If you notice white particles in your eyes, continue to use CIPOFAIN but tell your doctor immediately.

- You may also experience effects in other areas of your body including:**

- Nausea
- Bad taste in your mouth
- Allergic reactions (such as rash, itching, swelling, breathing difficulties).

If any of the side effects get serious, or you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, **tell your doctor or pharmacist.**

If you experience an allergic reaction, stop using CIPOFAIN and tell your doctor.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to The National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835490, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF CIPOFAIN

- Keep out of the reach of children.
- Do not store above 30°C.
- Protect from light
- Keep the bottle tightly closed.
- Do not use the drops after the expiry date (marked 'Exp') on the bottle and the carton.
- Stop using the bottle 28 days after first opening, to prevent infections.
- Medicines should not be disposed of via waste water or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Do not pass this medicine on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

What it looks like

CIPOFAIN is a clear, colourless to pale yellow solution supplied in a pack containing 1 bottle of 5 mL LDPE plastic bottle with a screw cap.

Ingredients

- The active ingredients is (3.5mg/mL) Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride Monohydrate is equivalent to (3.0mg/mL) Ciprofloxacin

- The other ingredients are benzalkonium chloride, glacial acetic acid, mannitol, disodium edetate, sodium acetate, hydrochloric acid (to adjust pH) and water for injections.

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