

Besivance[®]

Besifloxacin Ophthalmic Suspension (0.6% w/v)

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What Besivance[®] is used for

To treat bacterial conjunctivitis (“pink eye”) – an infection of the conjunctiva, the clear membrane that covers the white part of the eye and lines the inner surface of the eyelids.

How Besivance[®] works

These ophthalmic suspension (eye drops) contains the active ingredient, besifloxacin: a broad spectrum antibiotic (fluoroquinolones class) which is effective against a wide range of bacteria. It works by killing the bacteria that cause this eye infection.

Before you use Besivance[®]

-When you must not use it

- If you are allergic to
 - Besifloxacin, or any other quinolones
 - Any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- In infants \leq 1 year.

-Before you start to use it

Tell your pharmacist, doctor, or eye specialist if you:

- Wear contact lenses;
- Are allergic to besifloxacin, to other quinolones, or to any other ingredients in this eye drops.
- Are pregnant, may be pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

- Are breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed.

-Taking other medicines

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

How to use Besivance[®]

-How much to use

It is usually applied to the affected eye(s) three times a day, 4 to 12 hours apart, for 7 days.

-When to use it

Use besifloxacin eye drops exactly as directed, preferably at around the same time every day.

-How long to use it

For the full prescribed length of time, even if you feel better early in the course of the therapy.

If you stop using besifloxacin eye drops too soon or skip doses, your infection may not be completely cleared and the bacteria may become resistant to Besivance[®] or other antibiotics.

-If you forgot to use it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Otherwise, take the missed dose in your eye(s) as soon as you remember it.

Never take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Seek immediate medical attention, if you think you have used too much of this medicine.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

- Use this medication exactly as prescribed by your doctor.
- Thoroughly wash hands prior to use.
- Turn closed bottle upside down and shake it once before each use.
- Remove cap with bottle still in the inverted position. Tilt head back slightly, and pull down your lower eyelid to create a small pocket. While looking up with bottle still inverted, gently squeeze the dropper so that a single drop falls into the pocket made by the lower eyelid. Gently press your finger to the inside corner of the eye (near your nose) for about 1 minute to keep the liquid from draining into your tear duct.
- Be careful not to let the dropper tip touch your eye, fingers, or any surface to avoid contamination of the dropper tip.

-Things you must not do

- Do not wear contact lenses during the course for therapy with Besivance[®] and until all signs of the infection have cleared up.
- Do not use in larger or lesser amounts than prescribed, or longer than recommended.
- Do not use the eye drops after the expiry date (stated on the packaging of each unit and on the carton).

-Things to be careful of

Be careful while driving or operating machinery. As all eye drops may cause temporary blurring of vision upon application, wait until your vision is clear before driving or using machines.

Side effects

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

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

- Temporary blurred vision
- Red, itchy, or irritated eyes
- Eye pain
- Headache

For more information about any other possible side effects of this medicine, please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Center for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumer -> Reporting)

Storage and disposal of Minims Dexamethasone

-Storage

- Keep out of reach and sight of children.
- Store below 30°C, in a cool dry place, and protect from light.

-Disposal

Discard once no longer needed or expired. Talk to your pharmacist about the proper disposal of your medication.

Product description

-What it looks like

5mL sterile ophthalmic suspension in a 7.5mL size bottle.

-Ingredients (in each mL)

- Active ingredients

Besifloxacin 0.6% (6mg/mL)

- Inactive ingredients

- Benzalkonium chloride polycarbophil
- Mannitol
- Poloxamer 407
- Sodium chloride
- Edetate disodium dehydrate
- Sodium hydroxide
- Purified water

-MAL Number

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