GENTA EYE DROPS

Gentamicin Sulphate (0.3% w/v)

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What GENTA is used for

GENTA is used to prevent and treat infection of eye (conjunctiva, corneal and margin of eyelid) caused by bacteria.

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

How GENTA works

GENTA contains the active ingredient called gentamicin. Gentamicin is an antibiotic which helps to clear up infections.

Before you use GENTA

- When you must not take it

You must not use GENTA if you have allergic reactions to Gentamicin or to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

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

- <u>Before you start to use it</u>

Tell your doctor if you have any allergies to any other medicines, foods or preservatives.

Check with your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or have the intention of becoming pregnant.
- You are breastfeeding or have the intention to start breastfeeding.

Taking other medicines

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

The use of sulphacetamide (an antibiotic) with gentamicin in the treatment of eye infections is not recommended.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

How to use GENTA

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

1 - 2 drops instilled into the infected eye every four hours.

In severe infections, dosage may be increased up to 2 drops every hour.

- When to use it

Use GENTA every day, at about the same time each day, unless your doctor tells you otherwise.

Using your eye drops at the same time each day will have the best effect on your condition. It will also help you remember when to use the eye drops.

How long to use it

Continue taking GENTA as your doctor recommends.

If you forget to use it

If you forget to put the drops on time, do it as soon as you remember.

However, do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

- <u>If you use too much</u> (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Accident and Emergency (Casualty) at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else may have using too much GENTA.

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 pharmacist who are treating you that you are taking GENTA.

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

If you feel your infection is no better after a week, make another appointment to your doctor for advice.

- Things you must not do

Do not use GENTA 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.

Do not touch the dropper tip to any surface.

Things to be careful of

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

Washing your hand regularly (particularly after touching your eyes) and not sharing towels or pillows will help to prevent the infection from spreading.

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 if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- Mild irritation
- Hypersensitivity reactions

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 Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

Storage and disposal of GENTA

– <u>Storage</u>

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take them.

Keep your medicine in a place where the temperature will stay below 25°C. Protect from light.

Do not use 1 month after first opening.

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.

- <u>Disposal</u>

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking this medicine or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Product Description

- What it looks like

GENTA EYE DROPS is a clear, colourless liquid.

Ingredients

Active ingredient: Each 1ml of GENTA contains 0.3% w/v gentamicin sulphate.

Inactive ingredients:

- Sodium chloride
- Disodium edetate
- Sodium acid phosphate
- Disodium hydrogen phosphate
- Benzalkonium chloride
- Water for injection
- <u>MAL number</u>
 MAL19890596AZ

Manufacturer

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