

## CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE OINTMENT

*klor-am-fen-ah-kol*

### What does it do?

*Chloramphenicol eye ointment* is used to treat bacterial eye infections.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

### How should you use it?

1. Wash your hands.
2. Tilt your head back a little and pull your lower eyelid down.
3. Squeeze a thin line of ointment along the inside of your lower eyelid. Do not let the tube tip touch your eye.
4. Close your eye for a moment and then blink a few times to help spread the ointment.
5. Repeat for your other eye if you need to.
6. Wash your hands when you are finished.

Keep using the ointment until the course is finished, even when your eye starts to feel better.

### What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and use your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, use the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not use two doses at the same time.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Stinging when you put the ointment in	Usually temporary

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- Do not use contact lenses until your treatment has finished.
- *Chloramphenicol eye ointment* expires 4 weeks after you first open it. If you have any left over after 4 weeks, take it back to your pharmacy.