VEFLOX EYE DROPS

(Ofloxacin Ophthalmic Solution 0.3%)

COMPOSITION

Each mL contains Ofloxacin 3 mg (0.3%).

Excipients, preservative and pH adjusters: as per approved formulation.

DESCRIPTION & PHARMACOLOGY

Ofloxacin is a fluoroquinolone anti-infective for topical ophthalmic use. It inhibits bacterial DNA gyrase and topoisomerase IV, thereby interfering with bacterial DNA replication, transcription and repair. It is active against a broad range of ocular pathogens commonly associated with external eye infections.

INDICATIONS

Veflox Eye Drops are indicated for susceptible bacterial infections of the eye, including bacterial conjunctivitis and corneal ulcer, and for other locally approved ophthalmic indications caused by susceptible organisms.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For ophthalmic use only. Wash hands before use. Avoid touching the dropper tip to the eye, eyelids or any surface. Remove contact lenses before instillation unless otherwise advised by the physician.

Bacterial conjunctivitis: Instill 1 to 2 drops in the affected eye(s) every 2 to 4 hours while awake during the first 2 days, then 1 to 2 drops 4 times daily for the next 5 days, or as directed by the physician.

ADDITIONAL DOSAGE GUIDANCE

Corneal ulcer: Instill 1 to 2 drops in the affected eye every 30 minutes while awake during the first 2 days; instill 1 to 2 drops at 4 to 6 hour intervals at night. On days 3 to 7 to 9, instill 1 to 2 drops hourly while awake; thereafter 1 to 2 drops 4 times daily until completion of treatment, or as directed by the physician.

The duration of therapy depends on the diagnosis and the clinical response. Continue treatment for the full prescribed course. If another topical ophthalmic medicine is required, allow at least 5 to 10 minutes between medicines.

PAEDIATRIC USE

Safety and effectiveness of ofloxacin ophthalmic solution have been established in children 1 year of age and older for approved indications. Use in infants below 1 year should be only on medical advice.

PREGNANCY & LACTATION

Use during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. It is not known whether topical ophthalmic administration results in sufficient systemic exposure to produce detectable amounts in human milk. Caution is advised during lactation.

ELDERLY & ORGAN IMPAIRMENT

No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger adult patients. Dose adjustment is generally not required for elderly patients when used as an ophthalmic preparation.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Hypersensitivity to ofloxacin, other quinolones or any component of the formulation.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS

Not for injection. Not for direct intraocular use. Serious hypersensitivity reactions may occur in sensitive patients; discontinue immediately if rash, itching, swelling or other allergic manifestations develop.

Prolonged use may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms, including fungi. If superinfection occurs, discontinue use and institute appropriate therapy. Ofloxacin should be used with caution in patients with a history of quinolone hypersensitivity.

Advise patients not to wear contact lenses if they have signs and symptoms of bacterial conjunctivitis unless specifically instructed otherwise. Temporary blurred vision may occur after instillation; patients should not drive or operate machinery until vision is clear.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Clinically significant interactions are unlikely with ophthalmic use because systemic exposure is minimal. However, if used with other ophthalmic preparations, they should be administered at separate times. Review all concurrent ophthalmic and systemic medicines.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Commonly reported reactions include transient burning or discomfort, irritation, stinging, redness, itching, tearing, photophobia, blurred vision, dry eye and foreign body sensation. Less common reactions include eyelid swelling, keratitis, eye pain, dizziness, nausea and hypersensitivity reactions.

Seek medical advice if severe irritation, worsening infection, visual changes or allergic symptoms occur.

OVERDOSAGE

Overdose from ophthalmic use is unlikely. If excess drops are instilled, rinse the eye with lukewarm water. In case of accidental oral ingestion or persistent symptoms, seek medical advice.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store below 25°C. Protect from light. Keep the bottle tightly closed. Do not freeze. Keep out of reach of children. Do not use after the expiry date.

PRESENTATION

Veflox Eye Drops: sterile ophthalmic solution 0.3%, pack of 5 mL bottle.

PATIENT ADVICE

Use only as prescribed. Wash hands before use. Do not touch the dropper tip. Complete the full course even if symptoms improve earlier. Discard the bottle if contamination is suspected. Consult the physician if symptoms do not improve or worsen.

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