

Chloramphenicol Eye drops or Ointment

FORM Eye drops 0.5%
Eye Ointment 1%

INDICATION Eye infection, where sensitivities indicate.

DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Birth to 6 months	Chloramphenicol Eye drops 0.5% One drop each eye	4-6 times daily (Every 2 hours in severe infection)	Topical
	Chloramphenicol Eye Ointment 1% One application to each eye	3-4 times daily	Topical

CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

- See Summary of Product Characteristics and most recent edition of BNF for Children (links below)

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Continue for 2 days after infection clears.
- Use separate bottles/tubes for each eye to prevent cross contamination
- For discharge prescriptions pharmacy will supply a labelled bottle or tube for each eye. Please state the number of days to be used for on the prescription.

STORAGE Eye drops must be stored in the fridge.
Ointment can be stored at room temperature.
Discard 7 days after opening.

LICENSED STATUS Ointment is not licensed in <2yrs

LINKS [BNF for Children](#) / [Electronic Medicines Compendium](#)

APPLICABLE POLICIES [West of Scotland Neonatal Guidelines](#):

Consult local policy if applicable

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Dose may vary depending on indication, age, renal function, hepatic function, and concomitant medications. This monograph should be used in conjunction with the package insert, BNF for Children, and Summary of Product Characteristics. For further advice contact your clinical pharmacist or pharmacy department.