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Generic name: [moxifloxacin ophthalmic](#) [*MOX-i-FLOX-a-sin*]

Drug class: [Ophthalmic anti-infectives](#)

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What is Moxeza?

Moxeza is a fluoroquinolone [antibiotic](#) that fights bacteria in the body.

Moxeza is used to treat [bacterial infections](#) of the eyes.

Moxeza will not treat a viral or fungal infection of the eye. This medicine is for use in treating only bacterial infections.

Warnings

You should not use Moxeza eye drops if you are allergic to moxifloxacin or other fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin, gemifloxacin, levofloxacin, ofloxacin, norfloxacin, and others).

Do not use Moxeza if you have a viral or fungal infection in the eye. It is used to treat infections caused by bacteria only.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Moxeza eye drops if you are allergic to moxifloxacin or other fluoroquinolone [antibiotics](#) ([ciprofloxacin](#), gemifloxacin, [levofloxacin](#), [ofloxacin](#), norfloxacin, and others).

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

 [Moxeza pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

How should I use Moxeza?

Use Moxeza eye drops exactly as directed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets.

If you wear contact lenses, remove them before using Moxeza eye drops. Ask your doctor if contact lenses can be reinserted after application of the medication.

Wash your hands before using eye medication.

To apply the Moxeza eye drops:

- Tilt your head back slightly and pull down your lower eyelid to create a small pocket. Hold the dropper above the eye with the tip down. Look up and away from the dropper and squeeze out a drop.
- Close your eyes for 2 or 3 minutes with your head tipped down, without blinking or squinting. Gently press your finger to the inside corner of the eye for about 1 minute, to keep the liquid from draining into your tear duct.
- Use only the number of drops your doctor has prescribed. If you use more than one drop, wait about 5 minutes between drops.

Wait at least 10 minutes before using any other eye drops your doctor has prescribed.

Use only the number of drops your doctor has prescribed.

Do not touch the tip of the eye dropper or place it directly on your eye. A contaminated dropper can infect your eye, which could lead to serious vision problems.

Moxeza eye drops are usually used for 7 days in a row. Use this medicine for the full prescribed length of time, even if your symptoms quickly improve. Skipping doses can increase your risk of infection that is resistant to medication.

Store Moxeza eye drops at cool room temperature, away from moisture and heat. Do not freeze. Keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.

Dosing information

Usual Adult Dose for Bacterial Conjunctivitis:

Instill 1 drop in the affected eye(s) twice a day.

Use: For the treatment of [bacterial conjunctivitis](#) due to susceptible strains of:

Aerococcus viridans, Corynebacterium macginleyi, Enterococcus faecalis, Micrococcus luteus, Staphylococcus arlettae, S aureus, S capitis, S epidermidis, S haemolyticus, S hominis, S saprophyticus, S warneri, Streptococcus mitis, S pneumoniae, S parasanguinis, Escherichia coli, Haemophilus influenzae, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Propionibacterium acnes, Chlamydia trachomatis

Usual Pediatric Dose for Bacterial Conjunctivitis:

Aged 4 months or older: Instill 1 drop in the affected eye(s) twice a day.

Duration of therapy: 7 days

Use: For the treatment of bacterial [conjunctivitis](#) due to susceptible strains of:

A viridans, C macginleyi, E faecalis, M luteus, S arlettae, S aureus, S capitis, S epidermidis, S haemolyticus, S hominis, S saprophyticus, S warneri, S mitis, S pneumoniae, S parasanguinis, E coli, H influenzae, K pneumoniae, P acnes, C trachomatis

 [Detailed Moxeza dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Use the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. Do not use two doses at one time.

What happens if I overdose?

An overdose of Moxeza eye drops is not expected to be dangerous. Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 if anyone has accidentally swallowed the medication.

What should I avoid while using Moxeza?

Do not use other eye medications unless your doctor tells you to.

Avoid wearing contact lenses until you no longer have symptoms of the eye infection.

This medicine may cause blurred vision and may impair your reactions. Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how this medicine will affect you.

Moxeza side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Moxeza**: [hives](#); difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe burning, stinging, or irritation after using this medicine; or
- eye swelling, redness, severe discomfort, crusting or drainage (may be signs of infection).

Common Moxeza side effects may include:

- dry eyes or watery eyes;
- eye pain or discomfort;
- blurred vision; or
- mild itching, redness, or other irritation.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Medicine used in the eyes is not likely to be affected by other drugs you use. But many drugs can interact with each other. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all medicines you use, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#).

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Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Moxeza only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

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