

chloramphenicol

0.5% eye drops, 1% eye ointment

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Dose and Indications

Bacterial Infections of the eye and lids due to susceptible organisms

Ocular Drops

Instil 1 drop every four hours for 5 days

Ocular Ointment

Apply 1 cm four times a day for 5 days

Preparation and Administration

Ocular Drops

The eye can only hold a maximum of one drop. There is no advantage of instilling several drops. If instilling more than one drop in an eye then separate drops by several minutes to avoid washing drops out of eye. Finger pressure applied to lacrimal sac following application of eye drops will reduce systemic absorption

Ocular Ointment

Clean the eye of all secretions. Place the neonate on their back. Do not touch the patient with the tip of the tube. Pull lower lid down and squeeze out a line of ointment. By rotating the tube when you reach the outer eye, you will help detach the ointment from the tube

Adverse Effects

Infrequent

Unpleasant taste

Rare

Allergy (e.g. local reactions, angioedema, anaphylaxis), dermatitis (often moderately severe)

Version control and change history

PDS reference: OCE use only

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1.0	November 2012	current	Original version