

PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE

Pr **OCUFLOX**[®]

Ofloxacin ophthalmic solution

Read this carefully before you start taking **OCUFLOX** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **OCUFLOX**.

What is OCUFLOX used for?

- OCUFLOX is a treatment for outer eye infections such as conjunctivitis (pink eye).

Antibacterial drugs like OCUFLOX treat only bacterial infections. They do not treat viral infections.

How does OCUFLOX work?

OCUFLOX interferes with the bacterial growth and division. This helps stop the infection.

What are the ingredients in OCUFLOX?

Medicinal ingredient: Ofloxacin

Non-medicinal ingredients: Benzalkonium chloride 0.005% w/v (as preservative), hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide (to adjust the pH), purified water, sodium chloride.

OCUFLOX comes in the following dosage forms:

Ophthalmic solution, 0.3% w/v

Do not use OCUFLOX if:

- You have a history of allergy to ofloxacin or to any of the ingredients of this drug. (See section **What are the ingredients in OCUFLOX?**).
- You have a history of allergy to other quinolones.

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take OCUFLOX. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- wear soft contact lenses.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed.
- have a defect or damage to the surface of the eye.

Other warnings you should know about:

If you develop pain or swelling in your tendons, stop using OCUFLOX and get immediate medical help. This is more likely to happen if you are elderly or taking corticosteroids at the same time as OCUFLOX.

Changes in Vision:

Using OCUFLOX may temporarily blur your vision. Do not drive or use machines until your vision has cleared.

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

There are no known relevant interactions at this time.

How to take OCUFLOX:

- OCUFLOX contains a preservative called benzalkonium chloride which may discolor soft contact lenses. If you wear contact lenses, remove them before using OCUFLOX. Wait 15 minutes after using the drops before you put your lenses back in.
- To help prevent infections and eye injury, do not let the tip of the bottle touch your eye or anything else. Put the cap back on and close the bottle immediately after you have used it.
- Always use OCUFLOX exactly as your healthcare professional has instructed you.
- Although you may feel better early in treatment, OCUFLOX should be used exactly as directed.
- Misuse or overuse of OCUFLOX could lead to the growth of bacteria that will not be killed by OCUFLOX (resistance). This means that OCUFLOX may not work for you in the future.
- Do not share your medicine.

Follow these steps to use OCUFLOX properly:

- Wash your hands. Tilt your head back and look at the ceiling. (See Illustration 1)
- Gently pull down the lower eyelid to create a small pocket. (See Illustration 2)
- Turn the bottle upside down and squeeze it gently to release one drop into the eyelid pocket. If a drop misses your eye, try again. (See Illustration 3)
- Let go of the lower lid, and close your eye for 30 seconds. (See Illustration 4)



- Repeat steps 1 – 4 in the other eye if both eyes need treatment.

Usual dose:

One to two drops every two to four hours for the first two days. Then four times daily in the affected eye(s) for 8 days.

Overdose:

If you have placed too many drops in your eye(s), wash the eye(s) with clean water. Apply your next dose at the normal time.

If you think you, or a person you are caring for, have taken too much OCUFLOX, contact a healthcare professional, hospital emergency department, or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

Missed dose:

If you forget to apply your eye drops at your normal time, simply apply them as soon as you remember. Then go back to the original schedule as directed by your healthcare professional. Don't try to catch up on missed drops by applying more than one dose at a time.

What are possible side effects from using OCUFLOX?

These are not all the possible side effects you may have when taking OCUFLOX. If you experience any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare professional.

You should talk to your healthcare professional if any of the following side effects that affect the eye(s) prove troublesome or if they are long lasting:

- a feeling that something is in your eye
- blurred vision
- dryness
- eye pain
- eye/eyelid swelling
- irritation
- itchy eye/eyelid
- light sensitivity
- redness
- stinging
- tearing
- temporary burning or discomfort

You should talk to your healthcare professional if any of the following side effects that affect the body prove troublesome or if they are long-lasting:

- dizziness
- nausea
- swelling of the face

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
UNKNOWN			
Severe allergic reaction: swelling of the mouth, throat, tongue or hands and feet, difficulty in breathing, skin reactions (redness, irritation, blistering, peeling), loss of consciousness or collapse			√
Toxic epidermal necrolysis (severe skin reaction): redness, blistering and/or peeling of large areas of the skin			√

If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, tell your healthcare professional.

Reporting Side Effects

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada.html) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

Storage:

OCUFLOX should be stored between 15 to 25°C. The bottle should be tightly closed when not in use.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

If you want more information about OCUFLOX:

- Talk to your healthcare professional.
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website: (www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/drug-products/drug-product-database.html); the manufacturer's website www.abbvie.ca, or by calling 1-888-704-8271.

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