

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

TOBREX

3 mg / g eye ointment

TOBRAMYCIN

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• Keep this leaflet • You may need to read it again • If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist • This medicine has been prescribed for you only • Do not pass it on to others • It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours • If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist • This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet •

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1. WHAT TOBREX IS AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR

TOBREX is an antibiotic that is indicated for the treatment of eye infections.

TOBREX is an antibiotic that is used for the local treatment of external infections of the eye and its adnexa caused by susceptible bacteria (bacteria which are resistant to most other antibiotics, especially *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*).

2. BEFORE YOU TAKE TOBREX

Do not take TOBREX

- If you are hypersensitive (allergic) to tobramycin or any ingredient of TOBREX (see section 6).

Take special care with TOBREX

- If you experience allergic reactions such as itching of the eyelid, swelling or redness of the eye, discontinue the treatment and consult a doctor. These allergic reactions can occur with other local or systemic aminoglycoside antibiotics.

- If your symptoms worsen or suddenly return, consult your doctor. By using this medicine you may become susceptible to eye infections.
- If you are taking other antibiotic therapy simultaneously with TOBEX, consult your doctor.
- Eye ointments can slow down the healing process of wounds in the eye.

Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using any medicine.

If you are pregnant or if there is a possibility of pregnancy, if you are breast-feeding, consult your doctor before using this medicine.

The use of TOBEX is not recommended during pregnancy or breastfeeding.

Driving and using machines

There is possibility for occasionally blurred vision directly after application of TOBEX. Do not drive or operate machinery until the vision is cleared again.

Contact lens wear is not recommended during treatment of an ocular infection.

3. HOW TO TAKE TOBEX

Always use TOBEX exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

In mild to moderate disease, apply a 1 - 1.5 cm ribbon into the affected eye(s) two or three times per day. In severe infection, instil a 1 – 1.5 cm ribbon into the affected eye(s) every three to four hours until improvement, following which treatment should be reduced prior to discontinuation.

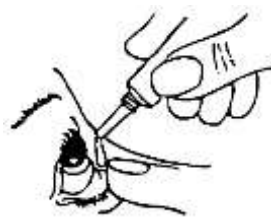
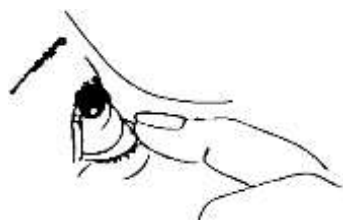
TOBEX eye ointment can be applied simultaneously during sleep with TOBEX eye drops, solution during the day.

The usual duration of treatment is 7 to 10 days. Your doctor will advise you on how long you should use TOBEX.

Use in children

TOBEX can be used in children over one year and older. The dose for children is the same as the dose for adults. Safety and effectiveness in children below the age of 1 year have not been established.

TOBEX should be used for the eyes only.



1. Prepare TOBEX and a mirror.
2. Wash your hands.
3. Unscrew the cap.

4. Hold the tube between thumb and forefinger.
5. Tilt your head back. Using your index finger, pull the lower eyelid away from your eye to form a pouch. Squeeze a thin strip of ointment into the pouch (picture 1).
6. Bring the hole of the tube to the eye. If you need help, use a mirror.
7. To prevent germs from contaminating your medicine, do not touch the applicator tip to any surface, including the eye.
8. Gently squeeze the tube in order to apply the ointment (picture 2).
9. After applying TOBEX, let the lower eyelid, blink a few times so that ointment covers the entire surface of the eye. Keep your eyes gently closed for a few seconds; this helps prevent penetration of TOBEX eye ointment to other parts of the body.
10. If you apply the ointment in both eyes, repeat the same procedure for the other eye.
11. Firmly tighten cap of the tube immediately after use.
12. Use only one tube at the time.

If you are not able to apply the ointment in the eye, try again.

Be sure to use TOBEX ointment for the full course of treatment. If you do not, the medicine may not clear up your infection completely.

If you use more TOBEX than you should

If necessary, TOBEX can be washed out of the eyes with warm water. Do not apply more ointment until the next regular dose.

If you forget to take TOBEX

If you forgot to apply TOBEX ointment do it as soon as possible and then continue as usual. Do not apply double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

In case of concomitant therapy with other topical ophthalmic medicinal products, an interval of 5 minutes should be allowed between successive applications.

Eye ointments should be administered last.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any additional questions.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, **TOBEX** can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The following side effects have been observed with the use of TOBEX:

Common (may occur in fewer than 1 in 10 people):

- Discomfort in the eye, eye redness, eye allergies.

Uncommon (may occur in less than 1 in 100 people):

- Inflammation of the eye surface, corneal damage, vision problems, blurred vision, redness of the eyelids, swelling of the eye and eyelids, eye pain, dry eye, eye discharge, eye pruritus, increased production of tears.
- Allergy (hypersensitivity),
- Headache,
- Hives, skin inflammation, decreased growth of eyelashes, weakened pigmentation of the skin, itching and dry skin.

Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data):

- Eye irritation, itching of the eyelids,
- Rash

You usually can continue to use the ointment, except in case of serious adverse reactions. If you are worried, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Reporting of suspected side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

5. HOW TO STORE TOBREX

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Throw the opened tube four weeks after opening to prevent infection. Write down the date when you opened the tube.

Store below 25 °C.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

The shelf life of medicine is 3 years from the date of manufacture indicated on the packaging of the medicine.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What TOBREX contains

- The active substances are tobramycin 3 mg / g
- The other ingredients are: chlorobutanol anhydrous – mineral oil (liquid paraffine) – white petrolatum.

What TOBREX looks like and contents of the pack

TOBREX is sterile ointment in a tube of 3.5 g

Regime of dispensing

The medicine is issued on prescription.

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