

Important Information: Please read carefully.

Dextracin®



Eye drops

Composition

Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate
equivalent to Dexamethasone Phosphate..... 0.1 % w/v
Neomycin Sulphate..... 0.5 % w/v
Phenylmercuric Nitrate as preservative..... 0.002 % w/v
in a sterile, buffered, isotonic aqueous solution.

Properties

Dexamethasone is a potent synthetic glucocorticoid with little, if any, mineralocorticoid activity, and has a long duration of action. Neomycin Sulphate is a broad spectrum antibiotic. It is bactericidal and effective against staphylococci and a wide range of gram-negative bacteria including *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Salmonella* and *Shigella*.

Indications

Treatment of inflammatory conditions of the anterior segment of the eye complicated by infection caused by organisms sensitive to neomycin.

Dosage and Administration

Initially, instill 1 or 2 drops into the conjunctival sac of the affected eye(s) every one to two hours. When a favourable response is observed, reduce dosage to 1 drop every four hours, later further reducing to 1 drop three to four times a day to control symptoms.

Contraindications

Dextracin Eye Drops should not be used in the presence of acute herpes simplex, tuberculosis of the eye, fungal diseases of ocular structures, vaccinia, varicella and most viral diseases of the cornea and conjunctiva. It is contraindicated in patients sensitive to any of its components.

Precautions

Prolonged use may result in glaucoma, damage of the optic nerve, defects in visual acuity and fields of vision, posterior subcapsular cataract formation or may aid in the establishment of secondary infections. Use in pregnancy should be avoided unless absolutely necessary and under close medical supervision. Avoid use in nursing mothers as corticosteroids may appear in breast milk.

In those diseases causing thinning of the cornea, perforation has been known to have occurred with the use of topical steroids.

As with other antibiotic-containing preparation, prolonged use may result in the overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms.

Drug Interactions

Topical application of Dextracin Eye Drops is not likely to produce significant drug interactions. Systemically, neomycin may enhance the anticoagulant effects of warfarin and dicoumalone. Its ototoxicity may be increased by ethacrynic acid and furosemide. Concurrent use of barbiturates, phenytoin, or rifampicin may enhance the metabolism and decrease the effect of corticosteroids.



Side Effects

Allergic local reactions to neomycin are usually serious only in patients hypersensitive to aminoglycosides or with a history of allergy. Discontinue treatment if hypersensitivity reactions occur during use.

Presentation

Clear, colourless solution in sterile plastic dropper bottles of 5ml.

Shelf-life

The expiry date is indicated on the packaging.

Storage

Store below 25°C. Protect from light.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
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For further information, please consult your pharmacist or physician.

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