

Aciclovir 30 mg/g eye ointment

Active substance: Aciclovir

What is Aciclovir Agepha 30 mg/g eye ointment and what is it used for?

Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment contains the active ingredient aciclovir, which belongs to the group of antiviral drugs. It is used to treat eye infections caused by the Herpes simplex virus. It works by killing or stopping the growth of viruses on the front of the eyeball (cornea).

When should you not use this medicine or be extra careful with it?

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If you are allergic to aciclovir or valaciclovir or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.

When should you be extra careful with this medicine?

- Use Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment only in the eyes.
- Immediately after application, you may experience a mild stinging or burning sensation.
- Immediate hypersensitivity reactions, including angioedema, facial swelling, etc., may occur. Contact a doctor immediately in case of such hypersensitivity reactions.
- If you experience allergic reactions, such as itching of the eyelid, swelling, or redness of the eye, stop treatment with Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment and consult a doctor.

Contact your doctor immediately for advice if the symptoms become severe or recur.

During treatment with Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment, do not wear contact lenses.

Children and adolescents up to 18 years of age

The same warnings and precautions apply to children and adolescents up to 18 years of age as to adults.

Are you taking any other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken, or may take any other medicines.

When applied locally to the eye, no significant interactions have been observed so far. However, there is insufficient information on the use of Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment and concurrent use with eye medicines containing corticosteroids. Your doctor will decide if this combination is suitable for you.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding: Are you pregnant, think you may be pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding? Then contact your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine. Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment can be used during pregnancy or breastfeeding because no side effects are expected during pregnancy, for the fetus or the newborn child, when used in the recommended doses.

Driving and using machines: This medicine can temporarily affect vision. Therefore, caution is advised when driving or using machines.

How do you use this medication?

Method of administration

- For use in the eye
- Always use this medication exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has instructed you. If in doubt, consult your doctor or pharmacist.
- Unless otherwise prescribed by your doctor, the dosage is as follows:
- Apply a 1 cm strip of ointment in the lower conjunctival sac, 5 times a day (every 4 hours).

The suggested times are: 07:00, 11:00, 15:00, 19:00 and 23:00.

To do this, pull the lower eyelid down and apply the ointment to the conjunctival sac. Close your eyelids and rotate your eyeball for better distribution of the ointment.

For a successful treatment, it is essential to apply Aciclovir Agepha ointment during the day at regular intervals of 4 hours. After the corneal inflammation has healed, the treatment should be continued for at least 3 more days.

Use in children and adolescents up to 18 years: Same as in adults.

Have you used too much of this medication?

Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have used too much Aciclovir Agepha.

Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment is intended for use in the eye. If this medication is ingested, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Have you forgotten to use this medication?

When you forget to use Aciclovir Agepha, use it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not use a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

If you stop using this medication

If you have any questions about the use of this medication, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them. Immediately after applying the eye ointment, you may experience temporary mild stinging or burning sensation in the eyes. If you notice swelling of the face, angioedema, etc., stop using Aciclovir Agepha and consult a doctor immediately.

Allergic reactions: very rare (may affect less than 1 in 10,000 people)

If you have an allergic reaction or acute hypersensitivity reactions, stop using Aciclovir Agepha eye ointment and consult a doctor immediately. The symptoms may include:

- rash, itching or hives on your skin
- swelling of your face, lips, tongue or other parts of your body
- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- unexplained fever (high temperature) and feeling faint, especially when standing up.

Other side effects include:

Very common (affects more than 1 in 10 people): Burning or irritation, sensitivity to light (photophobia) / light sensitivity or the feeling that something is in the eye (superficial keratopathy). This usually heals immediately, and it is usually not necessary to stop treatment.

Sometimes (affects up to 1 in 100 people): temporary mild stinging and burning sensation immediately after application, swollen, runny eyes (conjunctivitis).

Rarely (affects up to 1 in 1,000 people): swollen, red, irritated, itchy eyelids (blepharitis)

How to store this medicine?

- Store below 25°C.
- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the label after "EXP". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- After first opening, use for no longer than 4 weeks.
- Do not dispose of medicines in the wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines that are no longer required. These measures will help protect the environment.