

Prednisolone acetate 10 mg/ml eye drops, suspension

What is Prednisolone and what is it used for?

Prednisolone belongs to a group of drugs called corticosteroids, which are adrenal cortex hormones. These drugs suppress inflammatory and hypersensitivity reactions.

Prednisolone is used in adults for hypersensitivity reactions of the eyelids as well as inflammatory reactions to the outer parts of the eye, such as the iris, ciliary body, or cornea, and the choroid of the eye located between the retina and the hard outer layer of the eye. The inflammatory reactions should not be caused by microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, yeasts).

Prednisolone is also used after surgery to treat irritation of the front part of the eye. This medicine contains 0.06 mg benzalkonium chloride in each 1 ml.

When should you not use this medication or be extra cautious with it?

When should you not use this medication?

• if you are allergic to any of the substances in this medication. • if you have a viral, fungal, bacterial, or parasitic infection of the eye. • if you suffer from increased eye pressure (glaucoma) • if you have injuries to the eye or ulcers on the eye or cornea.

When should you be extra cautious with this medication?

Contact your doctor or pharmacist before using this medication. Before using Prednisolone, you should inform your doctor if you currently have or have had in the past: eye ulcers or a disease or treatment of the eye that thins the tissue. ,increased eye pressure (glaucoma) or a family history of glaucoma or have been treated for increased eye pressure., cataracts or have had cataract surgery., a bacterial, viral, or fungal eye infection., if you have previously had a herpes simplex infection., Contact your doctor if you experience blurred vision or other visual disturbances., By closing the tear duct or keeping the eyes closed for 3 minutes after administration, the drainage of eye drops into the bloodstream can be reduced. This reduces the risk of side effects.,

Before using Prednisolone, you should tell your doctor: if you are using or have used other steroid-containing eye drops because regular or prolonged use of steroids can lead to more side effects.

Children and adolescents up to 18 years: Do not administer to a child younger than 12 years, as this medication contains boron and can reduce fertility.

Are you using any other medications?

If you are using other medications in addition to Prednisolone, have done so recently, or may do so in the near future, tell your doctor or pharmacist. This also applies to medications that do not require a prescription.

Some medications can enhance the effects of Prednisolone, and your doctor may want to carefully monitor you if you are using these medications (including some HIV medications: ritonavir, cobicistat).

If more than one medication is used for the eye, it is advisable to use the different medications with a time interval of 5 to 15 minutes.

Pregnancy, breastfeeding, and fertility

Are you pregnant, think you might be pregnant, want to become pregnant, or are you breastfeeding? Then contact your doctor or pharmacist before using this medication.

Tell your doctor before starting to use Prednisolone that you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding, because steroids can be harmful to your baby.

Driving and using machinery

Prednisolone can temporarily cause blurred vision. Do not drive or operate machinery until the symptoms have disappeared.

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Contact lenses: Benzalkonium chloride can be absorbed by soft contact lenses and can change the color of the contact lenses. You should remove your contact lenses before using this medicine and only put them back in 15 minutes later.

Benzalkonium chloride can also cause eye irritation, especially if you have dry eyes or a condition of the cornea (the transparent front layer of the eye). If you experience an abnormal feeling, stinging or pain in the eye after using this medication, contact your doctor.

How to use this medicine?

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Do you have doubts about the correct use? Then contact your doctor or pharmacist.

The recommended dosage: is 1 drop in the affected eye(s), 2 to 4 times a day.

Instructions for use

1. Do not use the bottle if the seal around the neck of the bottle has already been broken before using it for the first time.
2. Remove contact lenses before administering Prednisolone and wait at least 15 minutes after using the eye drops before putting the lenses back in.
3. Administer the eye drops

4. Wash your hands. Shake the bottle well before use. Tilt your head back and look at the ceiling.
5. Gently pull down the lower eyelid to create a pouch.
6. Turn the bottle upside down and squeeze gently to drop 1 drop into each eye to be treated.
7. Release the lower eyelid and close your eye. Press with your finger on the corner of your eye (the side where your eye meets your nose) for 1 minute.
8. To prevent injury to the eye and contamination, the tip of the bottle should not come into contact with the eye or anything else. Replace the cap on the bottle and close the bottle immediately after use. Wipe the liquid that has landed on your cheek with a clean (pocket) cloth.
9. Always use this medicine exactly as stated in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Do you have doubts about the correct use? Then contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Duration of treatment

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To see if your medicine is working well and if the dosage used is appropriate for you, your doctor will check your eyes for: • Increased pressure • Cataracts • Inflammation

Have you used too much of this medicine?

If you have put too many drops in your eyes, it is unlikely to lead to unwanted side effects. If you have put too many drops in your eyes, wash your eyes with clean water. Use your next dose at the usual time.

If someone accidentally ingests this medicine, you should immediately consult your doctor.

Have you forgotten to use this medicine?

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose entirely and continue with your usual schedule. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

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Possible side effects

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How to store this medicine?

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Do not use Prednisolone if you see that the seal of the vial is broken.

You must discard the vial 28 days after you first opened it, even if there is still some solution left.

Do not flush medicines down the sink or toilet or throw them in the trash. Ask your pharmacist what to do with medicines you no longer use. If you dispose of medicines properly, they will be destroyed properly and will not end up in the environment.

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