



ADULT Medication Monograph




# CHLORAMPHENICOL

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[Antimicrobial Restriction – Unrestricted \(Topical\)](#)

<b>Presentation</b>	Eye Drops: 0.5% Eye Ointment: 1%
<b>Dose</b>	<p><b><u>Bacterial conjunctivitis</u></b></p> <p><b>Eye Drops:</b> 1 drop every 2 hours while awake for 1-2 days; then if there is improvement, 1 drop 4 times daily for up to 5 days</p> <p><b>Eye Ointment:</b> May be used at night if drops are used during the day, or as a single agent 3 or 4 times daily</p>
<b>Administration</b>	<p>To administer eye drops or ointment, the head should be tilted back and the lower eyelid gently pulled out to form a pouch.</p> <p><b><u>Eye Drops</u></b> For drops, put 1 drop into the pouch. If the first drop missed the eye, put in another. The bottle should be squeezed to release one drop. Do not touch the eyelids or lashes. Try not to blink after putting in a drop. Close eyes and gently press against the inner corner of the eye with a finger (over the tear duct) for 1–2 minutes. If another eye drop is needed at the same time of day, wait at least 3 minutes before using it.</p> <p><b><u>Eye Ointment</u></b> Squeeze a small amount (about 1 cm length) along the pouch then blink several times to spread the ointment. To reduce the likelihood of contamination, the lid of the eye drops or ointment should be placed on a clean surface, ensuring it is not facing down.</p>
<b>Pregnancy</b>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester:</b> Safe to use <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester:</b> Safe to use <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester:</b> Safe to use</p>
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Safe to use

<b>Clinical guidelines and policies</b>	WNHS Policy: <a href="#">Antimicrobial Stewardship</a>
<b>References</b>	<p>Australian Medicines Handbook. Chloramphenicol. In: Australian Medicines Handbook [Internet]. Adelaide (South Australia): Australian Medicines Handbook; 2017 [cited 2019 Feb 02]. Available from: <a href="https://amhonline.amh.net.au/">https://amhonline.amh.net.au/</a></p> <p>Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook. Chloramphenicol as a <i>Pharmacist Only</i> medicine. In: Australian Pharmaceutical Handbook 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition; 2015 [cited 2019 Feb 02]</p>

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