



NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

CHLORAMPHENICOL OPHTHALMIC
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DRUG:	CHLORAMPHENICOL OPHTHALMIC PREPARATIONS
PRESENTATION:	Ophthalmic solution 0.5% 10mL Each mL contains Chloramphenicol 5mg Hypromellose 3mg Phenylmercuric acetate 0.002% Ophthalmic ointment 1%
ACTION & INDICATION:	Antibiotic eye drops / ointment. Used to treat susceptible infections of the eyes.
DOSE:	Ophthalmic drops: One drop every two to six hourly for 2 to 3 days after clinical symptoms have resolved, and then decrease to 3 to 4 times a day. Ophthalmic ointment: Apply 0.5 to 1cm up to 3 hourly, or at night when drops used during the day. Eye toilet / care should be performed prior to administration of each dose.
ADVERSE EFFECTS/ COMMENTS:	Blood dyscrasias with prolonged therapy. Overgrowth of new susceptible organisms with prolonged use. Discard 30 days after opening
REFERENCES:	Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne
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