

Package Leaflet: Information for the user

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you. Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice. If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after two days.

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1. WHAT GOLDEN EYE 0.15% w/w EYE OINTMENT IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Dibrompropamidine isetionate, the active ingredient, belongs to a group of medicines called antiseptics. Antiseptics are used to treat infections caused by bacteria. Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment is used to treat minor eye or eyelid infections, such as conjunctivitis and blepharitis (inflammation of the eyelids).

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE GOLDEN EYE 0.15% w/w EYE OINTMENT

Do not use Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye 0intment:

- if you are allergic to dibrompropamidine isetionate or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant.
- · if you are breast-feeding.
- if you wear contact lenses.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment if:

- Your eye is painful (rather than just feeling sore or gritty) or you have pain or swelling around the eye or face.
- Your sight is affected by loss of vision, reduced or blurred vision or you see halos around lights.
- It is too painful to open your eyes properly.
- · You have "dry eye syndrome"
- Your pupil (the black circle in the centre of your eye) looks different. It may be torn, not round, very big or does not change size in the light.
- Your eye looks cloudy.
- You have injured your eye.You are already using other eye drops or eye ointment.
- You think there may be something in your eye or you have splashed something in your eye.
- You have had eye surgery or laser treatment in the last 6 months.

If you wear contact lenses and have been advised to use Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment by a doctor, pharmacist or contact lens practitioner:

- Do not wear contact lenses while using the ointment.
- You can start wearing contact lenses again after you have finished using the ointment.

Other medicines and Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment: Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including those bought without a prescription, especially other eye drops or eye ointment.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding: If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. If you become pregnant while using the ointment, stop using it and see your doctor.

Driving and using machines. Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment can sometimes cause blurred vision for a short while after administration. You must not drive or operate machinery until you can see clearly again.

3. HOW TO USE GOLDEN EYE 0.15% w/w EYE OINTMENT

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your pharmacist has told you.

Check with your pharmacist if you are not sure. Wash your hands before and after using the ointment.

- Take off the tube cap.
- Tilt head gently backwards.
- Pull down the lower eyelid.
- Without touching the eye with the tube, squeeze half an inch of ointment inside the lower lid.
- Close your eye. Wipe away any excess ointment with a clean tissue. Replace the cap on the tube.
- Apply once or twice each day.

If your condition does not improve after two days, stop using the ointment and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

If you forget to use Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment, use the ointment as directed above and then continue your normal course of treatment.

If the contents of this tube are swallowed, contact your doctor straight away or go to your nearest hospital casualty department. Take with you the tube and container so that the medicine can be identified.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Side effects that may occur include: mild hypersensitivity reactions which include stinging, burning; irritation, itching, inflammation of the skin, skin rash. If this happens to you, discontinue use and see a doctor as soon as possible. If your vision is disturbed or symptoms become worse, or you have any other unusual symptoms or concerns with your medicine, discontinue use and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL-Dublin 2. Tel: +353 1 676 4971, Fax: +353 1 676 2517, Website: www.hpra.ie, e-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE GOLDEN EYE 0.15% w/w EYE OINTMENT

- Keep all medicines out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not store above 25°C
- Discard within four weeks of first opening.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the tube and carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.
- Always replace the cap firmly on the tube after using.
- Do not throw away any medicines by wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These
 measures will help protect the environment.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment contains:

The active substance is Dibrompropamidine isetionate 0.15% w/w.

The other ingredients are liquid paraffin and dispersed polyethylene in mineral oil.

What Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment looks like and contents of the pack:

Golden Eye 0.15% w/w Eye Ointment is an off-white, translucent ointment available in a tube containing 5g.

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