1.3.2 PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

SCHEDULING STATUS

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LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT

Sulphacetamide sodium

350 mg per 3,5 g of ointment

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you

LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT is available without a doctor's prescription, for you to treat a mild illness. Nevertheless, you still need to use LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Do not share LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT with any other person.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must see a doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve after 6 days.

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1. What LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT is and what it is used for

LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT contains the active substance sulphacetamide sodium. It is used for infections of the eye and eye socket, sties and trachoma (an infectious disease of the eye).

2. What you need to know before you use LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT:

Do not apply LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT:

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to sulphacetamide, sulphonamides or other ingredients of LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT.
- If there is a penetrating wound of the eye.
- If you are using preparations containing silver salts.
- If you are sensitive to water tablets such as furosemide or thiazide diuretics.
- If you are sensitive to medicines used for diabetes such as sulphonylureas, or medicines used to treat glaucoma (increased eye pressure).

Warnings and precautions

Take special care with LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT

- As it may temporarily interfere with vision.
- If you develop a skin rash, stop using LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT and see your doctor, as it could be a severe skin reaction.
- If you have a hereditary condition (glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency) in which red blood cells break down.
- If you suffer from a rare inherited disease where the breakdown of haemoglobin (a pigment in red blood cells) is affected (porphyria).
- If you have dry-eye syndrome.
- If you are elderly as you may be more likely to have other risk factors for reactions.

- If you are going for diagnostic tests as it may interfere with the results.

Children

Daytime use of LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT is not recommended in children over one year of age because it may temporarily interfere with vision.

Other medicines and LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT

Always tell your healthcare provider if you are taking any other medicine (this includes complementary or traditional medicines).

The effects of other medicines might be influenced if you apply LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT. Tell your doctor:

- If you are using preparations containing silver, such as silver nitrate or mild silver protein.
- If you are taking oral anticoagulants such as warfarin.
- If you are taking methotrexate used for some inflammatory conditions or cancer.
- If you are taking medicines for epilepsy such as phenytoin.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, do not use LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional for advice.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare provider for advice before using LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT.

Driving and using machinery

LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT may cause blurred vision and should be used with caution if driving or operating machinery.

It is not always possible to predict to what extent LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT may interfere with the daily activities of a patient. Patients should ensure that they do not engage in the above activities until they are aware of the measure to which LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT affects them (see section 4).

3. How to use LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT

Do not share medicines prescribed for you with any other person.

Always apply LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor, pharmacist or nurse has told you. Check with your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you are not sure.

- Wash your hands before and after using this medicine.
- Lie down or tilt your head back.
- With your index finger, pull down the lower lid of your eye to form a pocket.
- Hold the tip of the tube close to your eye with the other hand. Avoid touching the tip of the tube to your eye or finger.
- Squeeze a small amount into the pocket between your lower lid and eyeball.
- Close your eyes for 1 to 2 minutes.
- Wipe the tip with a clean tissue and close the tube tightly.
- Keep the tube tightly closed when you are not using it.

The usual dose of LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT is every 6 hours and at bedtime.

Consult your doctor if no improvement has occurred within 6 days.

If you have the impression that the effect of LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT is too strong or too weak, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

If you apply more LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT than you should

In the event of overdosage, consult your doctor or pharmacist. If neither is available, seek help at the nearest hospital or poison control centre.

If you forget to use LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT

If you miss a dose or forget to use this medicine, use it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use this medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not use a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

4. Possible Side Effects

LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT can cause side effects.

Not all side effects reported for LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT are included in this leaflet. Should your general health worsen or if you experience any untoward effects while taking LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT, please consult your healthcare provider for advice.

If any of the following happens, stop using LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT and tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital:

- Swelling of the hands, feet, ankles, face, lips and mouth or throat, which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing,

- blistering of the skin, mouth, eyes and genitals as these may be due to a serious allergic reaction known as Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS),
- severe eye irritation after use of LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT,
- a severe rash (redness, itching or swelling of the skin) all over the body.

These are all very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious reaction to LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

Side effects with an unknown frequency:

- Burning or stinging of the eyes,
- blurred vision,
- nasal irritation,
- bitter taste and unpleasant sensation in the throat.

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

Reporting of side effects

If you get side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. You can also report side effects to SAHPRA via the Med Safety APP (Medsafety X SAHPRA) and eReporting platform (who-umc.org) found on SAHPRA website.

By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT.

Aspen Pharmacare:

E-mail: Drugsafety@aspenpharma.com

Tel: 0800 118 088

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5. How to store LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT

Store all medicines out of reach of children.

Store at or below 25 ºC.

Protect from light.

Do not store in a bathroom.

Do not freeze.

FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY.

Discard 30 days after first opening.

Keep in original packaging until required for use.

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the label.

Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist.

Do not dispose of unused medicine in drains or sewerage systems (e.g., toilets).

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT contains

The active substance is 350 mg of sulphacetamide sodium per 3,5 g of ointment.

The other ingredients are liquid paraffin and yellow soft paraffin.

What LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT looks like and contents of the pack

LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT is a beige ointment.

LENNON SULPHACETAMIDE EYE OINTMENT 3,5 g is packed in an aluminium collapsible tube, with a white high-density polyethylene self-piercing cap. The tube is placed in a unit cardboard carton together with a leaflet.

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