

# Kenacomb Otic<sup>®</sup>

***Triamcinolone acetonide, neomycin sulphate, gramicidin and nystatin***

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## What is in this leaflet

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**Read this leaflet carefully before using Kenacomb Otic.**

This leaflet answers some common questions about Kenacomb Otic. It does not contain all the available information. Some of the information it contains may not apply to you. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

**Do not throw this leaflet away.** You may need to refer to it again later.

**Always follow the instructions that your doctor or pharmacist give you about Kenacomb Otic.**

**If you have any concerns about using Kenacomb Otic, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

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## What it is used for

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Kenacomb Otic is used to relieve itching, burning or inflammation of the ear when it is infected, or if it is inflamed and sore and likely to get infected.

Kenacomb Otic is the trade name for ear drops containing the active substances triamcinolone acetonide, neomycin, gramicidin and nystatin.

Triamcinolone acetonide belongs to a class of drugs called corticosteroids, which help to relieve itching, burning, inflammation and allergic effects. Neomycin and gramicidin are antibiotics. They kill the bacteria that may be causing the infection in your ear. Nystatin is an antifungal drug. It is used to kill any fungi that may be present or that may grow when antibiotics are being used.

Your doctor will need to look inside your ears, especially at your eardrums and may have to clean your ears before prescribing Kenacomb Otic.

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## Before you use it

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***When you must not use it:***

- do not apply Kenacomb Otic to eardrums that are perforated or to sores or cuts
- do not use Kenacomb Otic if you have ever had an allergic reaction to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- avoid contact with eyes

- do not use for any other conditions other than that for which it was prescribed
- do not use it after the expiry date has passed
- do not use it if the protective seal on the bottle has been broken.

***Before you start to use it -***

**You must tell your doctor if you:**

- have had any recent injury to your eardrums
- are allergic to any medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives.
- have recently had any infections with herpes simplex, chicken pox or tuberculosis, or any other recent infections
- have dizziness or any problems with hearing
- are pregnant or may become pregnant
- are taking any other medicines even if it was bought without a prescription.

***Using other medicines***

It is unlikely that other medicines will affect the way Kenacomb Otic works.

**Nevertheless, you should always tell your doctor about other medicines you are taking, even if you have bought the medicines without a prescription.**

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## **How to use it**

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**It is important that you always follow your doctor's instructions about how much Kenacomb Otic to use, how often you should use it and for how long.**

Kenacomb Otic should only be used as directed by your doctor.

***How to apply Kenacomb Otic:***

Shake well before use. Squeeze a small amount into the ear canal two to four times daily or as directed by the doctor.

If your condition gets worse or does not get better while using Kenacomb Otic, stop using it and tell your doctor straight away. You may need a different antibiotic medication.

***How long to use it***

Your doctor or pharmacist will tell you how long you need to use Kenacomb Otic.

***If you forget to use it***

If you forget to apply a dose of Kenacomb Otic, put in the next dose at the usual time and in the normal amount. Do not use any more than your doctor has prescribed.

***If you swallow Kenacomb Otic***

Telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre 0800 POISON - (0800 764 766) if anyone swallows Kenacomb Otic.

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## **While you are using it**

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### ***Things you must do***

#### **Stop using Kenacomb Otic and tell your doctor:**

- if your condition gets worse
- if you have difficulty hearing
- if you have ringing in the ears.

#### **Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using Kenacomb Otic.**

If you think that the packaging for Kenacomb Otic is faulty or has been tampered with, do not use Kenacomb Otic and show it to your pharmacist.

### ***Things you must not do***

**Do not put Kenacomb Otic into your eyes.**

**Do not swallow Kenacomb Otic.**

**Do not put Kenacomb Otic in ears that are cut or bleeding.**

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## **Side effects**

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All medications, including Kenacomb Otic, can sometimes cause unwanted effects. Side effects of Kenacomb Otic are rare, but may include:

- new itchiness or redness in areas where you apply Kenacomb Otic
- hearing difficulty
- damage to the ear drums
- slow wound healing
- disturbances of metabolism.

**Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you have any of these effects or any other worries while using Kenacomb Otic.**

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## **After using it**

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### ***Storage***

Store in a refrigerator between 2-8°C. Do not freeze.

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

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## **Product description**

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### ***What it looks like***

Kenacomb Otic ear drops are a yellow coloured oily liquid packed in a dropper bottle (AUST R 19200).

### ***Active ingredients***

Each millilitre (mL) of Kenacomb Otic contains:

- triamcinolone acetonide 0.9 mg
- neomycin sulfate 2.25 mg
- gramicidin 0.225 mg
- nystatin 90,000 units.

### ***Inactive ingredients***

- liquid paraffin
- polyethylene.

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## **Sponsor details**

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## **Further information**

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Kenacomb Otic is only available on prescription from your doctor.

Never let anyone else use medicine that has been prescribed for you.