Soframycin®

Framycetin Sulfate (fra-me-see-tin sul-fate)

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Soframycin. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor or pharmacist has weighed the risks of you using Soframycin against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What Soframycin is used for

Soframycin is used to treat bacterial infection of the eye or ear. Soframycin is an antibiotic of the aminoglycoside class. It works by killing bacteria. Your doctor may have prescribed Soframycin for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Soframycin has been prescribed for you.

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have allergies to:
- antibiotics especially framycetin
- any other medicines, especially antibiotics such as neomycin, paromomycin and kanamycin
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Like most antibiotics, Soframycin is not recommended for use during pregnancy.

If you are not sure whether you should start using Soframycin, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

How to use it

How much to use

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

Usually, Soframycin should be used as follows:

For the eye
2 drops every one or two hours initially, diminishing to 2 or 3 drops three times daily.

For the ear
2 or 3 drops may be instilled into the ear three times daily.

How to use it

Soframycin Drops for the ear may be used following the steps below:

Remove the cap from the bottle immediately before use and place it back on the bottle immediately after use. To use the drops, tilt your head so that the affected ear is uppermost. Position the rubber dropper, which is attached to the bottle, directly above the ear hole. With the bottle tipped upside down, gently squeeze the rubber dropper until 2 or 3 drops fall into the ear. Keep your head tilted for about a minute to allow the drops to penetrate deep into the ear.

Soframycin Drops for the eye may be used following the steps below:
You may find it easier to put drops in your eye while you are sitting or lying down.

1. Wash your hands well with soap and water.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.
2. Shake the bottle.
3. Remove the lid.
4. Hold the bottle upside down in one hand between your thumb and middle finger.
5. Using your other hand, gently pull down your lower eyelid to form a pouch.
6. Tilt your head back and look up.
7. Put the tip of the bottle close to your eye. Do not let it touch your eye.
8. Release one drop into your eye by gently squeezing/tapping or pressing the base of the bottle with your index finger.
9. Close your eye. Do not blink or rub your eye.
10. While your eye is closed, place your index finger against the inside corner of your eye and press against your nose for about 2 minutes. This will help stop the medicine draining through the tear duct to the nose or throat, from where it can be absorbed into other parts of your body. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more specific instructions on this technique.
11. Repeat steps 4-10 to instil the second drop or follow the directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist.
12. Replace the lid, sealing it tightly.
13. Wash your hands again with soap and water to remove any residue.

If you are not sure how to use eye drops, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

After using it

Storage
Keep your medicine in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not refrigerate. Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal
If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop using Soframycin or the medicine has passed the expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that is left over.

Return any unused medicine to your pharmacist.

Product description

What it looks like
Soframycin Eye/Ear Drops is a sterile colourless solution in an amber glass dropper bottle. Each bottle contains 8 mL of solution.

Ingredients
Soframycin does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

Soframycin Eye/Ear Drops contains:
Active ingredient:
- framycetin sulfate (5 mg/mL)
Inactive ingredients:
- citric acid - anhydrous
- sodium citrate
- sodium chloride
- benzalkonium chloride (preservative)
- water - purified

Supplier
Soframycin is supplied in Australia by:
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