

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using CEQUA?

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For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using CEQUA?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use CEQUA?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to CEQUA or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use CEQUA?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with CEQUA and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use CEQUA?

One drop of CEQUA twice daily (about 12 hours apart) into each eye. You can use other artificial tears eye drops but you should wait at least 15 minutes after applying CEQUA.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use CEQUA?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using CEQUA?

Things you should do	Remind any doctor, dentist, pharmacist, surgeon or anaesthetist you visit that you are using CEQUA.
Things you should not do	Do not stop taking your medicine or lower the dosage without checking with the doctor.
Things to be careful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are wearing contact lenses, remove them first before applying CEQUA.• To avoid injury, be careful not to touch your eye with the tip of the ampoule.
Looking after your medicine	Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using CEQUA?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects include pain, stinging or itchiness in your eye that persists after you add the drops to your eyes; persistent red or bloodshot eyes. Serious side effects include light sensitivity and/or blurred vision; Urinary Tract Infection: a change in the amount of urine passed or in the number of times you urinate, pain or a burning sensation when urinating, bloody, smelly or cloudy urine, pain in the pelvis.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

CEQUA™

Active ingredient(s): Ciclosporin

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using CEQUA. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using CEQUA.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using CEQUA?](#)
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1. Why am I using CEQUA?

CEQUA contains the active ingredient ciclosporin. CEQUA belongs to a group of medicines called immunosuppressants. It works by reducing inflammation and increasing tear production so that your eyes are better lubricated.

CEQUA is used to treat a condition known as 'keratoconjunctivitis sicca' which is also known as 'dry eye'. When you have this condition, your tear glands do not produce enough tears and your eyes can become dry, red and irritated.

Your doctor will give you CEQUA if you have this condition and treatment with tear substitute medicines alone have not worked.

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

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

CEQUA is not addictive.

CEQUA is available only with a doctor's prescription.

CEQUA is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

There is not enough information to recommend the use of this medicine for children under the age of 18 years.

2. What should I know before I use CEQUA?

Warnings

Do not use CEQUA if:

- you are allergic to ciclosporin, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- shortness of breath
- wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.
- you have an eye infection or think you may have an eye infection.
- you have a cancer of the eye or around the eye.
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering. If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- use contact lenses as you must not use CEQUA while you are wearing contact lenses. Your contact lenses must be removed before you use CEQUA and may be reinserted 15 minutes after using CEQUA.
- are using artificial tears as you must not apply artificial tears at the same time as CEQUA. You can apply artificial tears 15 minutes after applying CEQUA.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding. Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you start using CEQUA.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Do not use this medicine if you are pregnant.

Possible effects of CEQUA on a developing baby have not been studied and are unknown.

Do not breast-feed if you are taking this medicine.

Possible effects of CEQUA on a breast-feeding baby have not been studied and are unknown.

Children under the age of 18 years

Do not give this medicine to a child under the age of 18 years.

Safety and effectiveness in children younger than 18 years have not been established.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with CEQUA and affect how it works. These include:

- Other eye drop

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect CEQUA.

4. How do I use CEQUA?

How much to use

One drop of CEQUA twice daily (about 12 hours apart) into each eye. You can use other artificial tears eye drops but you should wait at least 15 minutes after applying CEQUA.

When to use CEQUA

As CEQUA should not be used more than twice a day and use should be about 12 hours apart, a morning and evening application is recommended.

Using it at the same times each day may help you remember when to use it.

It does not matter if you use this medicine before or after food.

How to use it

If you are wearing contact lenses, remove them first and wait at least 15 minutes after using CEQUA before reinserting.

Detach the ampoule from the connecting plastic strip and then twist the top off the plastic ampoule.

Tilt your head back and squeeze one drop into each eye.

To avoid injury, be careful not to touch your eye with the tip of the ampoule.

Immediately discard the ampoule after each use. Do not store any opened CEQUA ampoules.

How long to use it

Continue using your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

This medicine helps to control your condition but does not cure it.

If you forget to use CEQUA

If it is less than about 12 hours before your next dose, skip the dose you missed and use your next dose when you are meant to.

Do not use a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

This may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If you have trouble remembering to use your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

If you use too much CEQUA

If you think that you have used too much CEQUA, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using CEQUA?

Things you should do

[Include relevant action(s) and explanation(s)]

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- become pregnant while taking CEQUA.
- are about to have Blood tests.

Remind any doctor, dentist, pharmacist, surgeon or anaesthetist you visit that you are using CEQUA.

Things you should not do

- Do not use CEQUA to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.
- Do not stop taking your medicine or lower the dosage without checking with your doctor.
If you stop taking it suddenly, your condition may worsen. If possible, your doctor will reduce the amount you use each day.
- Do not store any opened CEQUA ampoules.

Things to be careful of

If you are wearing contact lenses, remove them first before applying CEQUA.

To avoid injury, be careful not to touch your eye with the tip of the ampoule.

Looking after your medicine

Keep your medicine in the foil pouch until you want to use it.

The ampoules may not keep well out of the foil pouch.

Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Do not freeze.

Do not store your medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

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.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pain, stinging or itchiness in your eye that persists after you add the drops to your eyes• persistent red or bloodshot eyes.	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

If you suffer from damage to the clear layer at the front of your eye (the cornea), the phosphates in CEQUA may very rarely cause cloudy patches on your eye. Tell your doctor if you notice this.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• light sensitivity and/or blurred vision.	Call your doctor straight away,

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urinary Tract Infection: a change in the amount of urine passed or in the number of times you urinate, pain or a burning sensation when urinating, bloody, smelly or cloudy urine, pain in the pelvis.	or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.
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Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

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

What CEQUA contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Ciclosporin 225 micrograms
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PEG-40 hydrogenated castor oil• octoxinol 40• povidone• dibasic sodium phosphate• monobasic sodium phosphate dihydrate• sodium chloride• water for injections• sodium hydroxide or hydrochloric acid to adjust pH.

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

This medicine is preservative free.

What CEQUA looks like

CEQUA is a clear, colourless liquid in soft plastic ampoules connected in cards of 5 ampoules. Two cards are enclosed

in a sealed foil pouch and there are 6 foil pouches in a carton (60 ampoules per carton). (Aust R 313780).

Who distributes CEQUA

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