**PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET** 

# **EAR PREPARATIONS**

**Antibacterial Eardrops** Antibacterial & Anti-inflammatory Eardrops









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#### **ABOUT** your medicine

These preparations contain antibiotics to treat infections of the ear canal. Some preparations also contain corticosteroids for use in the ear to relief the redness, irritation and discomfort of certain ear problems.

## HOW should I use the medicine?

- Wash your hands. Lie down or tilt your head to the side such that the affected ear is turned upwards.
- Straighten the ear canal by pulling the earlobe up and back for adults (down and back for children).
- Instil the prescribed number of drops into the ear. Make sure the dropper does not touch the ear or any other surface.
- Keep the ear tilted for a few minutes to ensure the medication is absorbed (or a cotton plug may be used to prevent leakage).

To help clear up your infection completely, keep using this medicine for the full time of treatment, even if your symptoms have disappeared. Do not miss any doses. However, do not use the medicine for a longer duration than prescribed.

#### What should I do if I FORGET a dose?

Apply the dose as soon as possible. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next regular dose. Do not apply 2 doses at the same time.

### What are the possible SIDE-EFFECTS of the medicine?

Inform your doctor if:

- you experience itching, redness or swelling that was not present before the use of the medicine.
- you experience burning or stinging in the ear.
- · you notice any other effects which you think may be caused by this medicine.

### What **PRECAUTIONS** should I take?

Inform the doctor if:

- you have had a prior allergic reaction to any of the ingredients in this preparation or an allergy to other substances such as preservatives or dyes.
  - you have an absent or punctured ear drum.
  - you are pregnant, breast-feeding or may become pregnant.
  - your condition does not improve within 5 to 7 days or if it becomes worse.

## How should I STORE the medicine?

Keep the container tightly closed, and store at room temperature away from direct heat, light and moisture. Discard 4 weeks after opening.

