

Besivance (besifloxacin) basics

Treats eye infections like pink eye. Besivance (besifloxacin) effectively treats pink eye, especially more severe cases, but will cost more because no generic is currently available.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Besivance (besifloxacin) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Red eye 2% chance vs. 1% placebo*					
Blurred vision 2% chance vs. 4% placebo*					
Eye pain†					
Eye irritation 2% chance vs. 3% placebo*					
Eye itching†					
Headache 2% chance vs. 2% placebo*					

* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Invert the closed bottle and shake once before each use. Remove cap while the bottle is still inverted and the squeeze out drops.
- After putting a drop into the eye, press one finger to the inner corner of eye, by the nose, and press lightly for 1 minute to keep the medicine in your eye.
- Use Besivance (besifloxacin) at the same time every day as instructed. Don't stop early or skip doses even if your symptoms have improved.
- Wash your hands before applying Besivance (besifloxacin) to your eyes.
- Don't touch the container tip with your hands or to other surfaces.
- Take out contact lenses before using Besivance (besifloxacin). Check with your doctor to see when you can put them back in after using Besivance (besifloxacin).

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergy to ingredients

Besivance (besifloxacin) can sometimes cause very serious allergic reactions. Before starting on Besivance (besifloxacin), tell your doctor if you are allergic to quinolone antibiotics such as Levaquin and Cipro. If you experience facial swelling, tingling, or difficulty breathing while taking Besivance (besifloxacin), seek medical help right away.

Risk for contamination

Keep the applicator tip clean by not allowing it to touch your eyes or another object. This will help prevent potential contamination.

Not to be used with contact lenses

Remove contact lenses before use. Check with your doctor on when you can re-insert them again.