

Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin) basics

Treats eye infections. Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin) effectively treats pink eye and corneal ulcers caused by a variety of bacteria, but might not be good for more serious infections.

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
Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects† White substance in corneal ulcers					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- You should apply Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin) 3 times daily on the first 2 days, then apply 2 times a day for the next 5 days. Don't stop early or skip doses, even if your symptoms have improved.
- Wash your hands before applying Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin) to your eyes.
- Don't touch the container tip with your hands or to other surfaces.
- Take out contact lenses before using Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin). Check with your doctor to see when you can put them back in after using Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin).
- After putting drops in 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. If using the ointment, pull down the lower lid, squeeze in the indicated amount, let go of the lower lid, and keep eyes closed for 1-2 minutes.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergy to ingredients

Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin) can sometimes cause very serious allergic reactions. Before starting on Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin), tell your doctor if you are allergic to quinolone antibiotics such as Levaquin (levofloxacin) or Cipro (ciprofloxacin). If you experience facial swelling, tingling, or difficulty breathing while taking Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin), 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 using Ciloxan (ciprofloxacin). Check with your doctor on when you can re-insert them again.