Zymaxid (gatifloxacin) basics

Treats eye infections. Zymaxid (gatifloxacin) effectively treats pink eye caused by bacteria, but must be applied multiple times a day.

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
Zymaxid (gatifloxacin) Drug effectiveness	████	████			

Possible side effects[†]	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Worsening of eye infection		████			
Eye irritation	████	████			
Taste changes	████	████			
Eye pain	████	████			

[†] Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Apply Zymaxid (gatifloxacin) drops every 2 hours into your eyes while awake up to 8 times on the first day. Then apply 1 drop 2-4 times daily on days 2 through 7. Don't stop early or skip doses, even if your symptoms have improved.
- Wash your hands before applying Zymaxid (gatifloxacin) to your eyes.
- Don't touch the container tip with your hands or to other surfaces.
- Take out contact lenses before using Zymaxid (gatifloxacin). Check with your doctor to see when you can put them back in after using Zymaxid (gatifloxacin).
- 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.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergy to ingredients
Zymaxid (gatifloxacin) can sometimes cause very serious allergic reactions. Before starting on Zymaxid (gatifloxacin), 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 Zymaxid (gatifloxacin), 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 Zymaxid (gatifloxacin). Check with your doctor on when you can re-insert them again.