# **SeptoZINC**

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Sodium chloride 7.5 mg/ml Eye drops, solution

## 1. What SeptoZINC is and what it is used for

The SeptoZINC product is a sterile, isotonic rinsing solution with additives of antiseptic and synergistic acting substances (zinc gluconate and benzalkonium chloride). It is intended for eye dropping and eye washes.

Zinc gluconate and benzalkonium chloride have a disinfectant (antibacterial and antiviral) effect on the eye. These characteristics of the combination of the present substances are used in the prevention and supportive treatment of eye infections.

The beneficial antimicrobial properties of compounds containing zinc ions have long been known in ophthalmic formulations. The gluconate form of zinc forms a protective layer on the surface of the conjunctival mucosa, under which cell regeneration can take place, which contributes to the restoration of the physiological state in the conjunctival sac of the eye.

The antiseptic properties of benzalkonium chloride are based on its surfactant properties. Due to its wetting, dispersing and emulsifying properties, impurities are washed away from the surface of the eye, including microorganisms. The antiseptic properties of benzalkonium chloride are further based on its antibacterial and antiviral activity alone.

## 2. What you need to know before you use SeptoZINC

Do not use SeptoZINC if you are allergic to any substance of this product.

The SeptoZINC product can be used by adults, adolescents and children older than 1 year

If any other eye drops or eye ointments are simultaneously applied, it is suitable to apply them into eye soonest 5 minutes after the SeptoZINC product application.

#### 3. How to use SeptoZINC

Without consultation with an ophthalmologist it can be used for eye dropping and/or for simple short-time washes of eye.

# Dosage:

To soothe the eyes and to support treatment for infections of the conjunctiva and lashes, drip to the lower conjunctival bag 1 drop 3 times a day. The application length is individual.

#### Warnings before applying

After opened, the SeptoZINC product is ready to ocular use. A patient unscrews a safety cap, slightly tilt a head back, turns a bottle upside down and by squeezing a plastic bottle applies by dropping into the lower conjunctival sac the specified number of drops. Amount of the applied solution depends on the way of use. Drop in or wash an affected eye by solution at need (amount of the solution being discharged is controlled by pressing of the bottle). During application a dropper should not touch eye, lid or eyelashes. Finally, the cap is necessary to be firmly screwed on to prevent eventual contamination. A bottle must be stored in vertical position.

#### Warnings:

Caution is required in patients with dry eye syndrome and other ocular surface diseases. It is not recommended to exceed 14 days of continuous use if you suffer this syndrome.

If the symptoms for which the product was administered do not improve and persist for more than two days, or even worsen, consult your ophthalmologist.

The SeptoZINC product does not affect concentration at driving motor vehicles, equipment operation and working in heights, that require increased attention. However, after application into the conjunctival sac temporary blurred vision can occasionally occur, therefore the activities requiring increased attention can be performed only after the temporary effect termination. When the product is incidentally ingested by a child, contact a doctor.

A patient is not allowed to wear soft contact lenses (especially the hydrophilic one) simultaneously with the product application. If possible, during the treatment time neither the hard contact lenses should be worn, or before application a patient is always required to take them out and to put them back again soonest 20 minutes after the product application.

#### 4. Possible side effects

The SeptoZINC product is very well tolerated. Rarely, immediately after application, temporary feeling of slight burning can occur. Also reaction of hypersensitiveness can occur.

If you get these side effects or any other unusual reactions, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Interactions: Not reported yet.

## 5. What SeptoZINC contains

Sodium chloride 7.5 mg in 1 ml

Excipients: benzalkonium chloride 0.2 mg in 1 mL (0.02) zinc gluconate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride hexahydrate, calcium chloride dihydrate, sodium citrate, aqua purificata (water, purified).

## 6. How to store SeptoZINC and other information

Store the product at the temperature up to 25°C. Do not refrigerate or freeze. Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use the preparation after the expiry date which is stated on the cartridge label or carton next to the sandglass icon. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

The open packaging is to be utilized up to 28 days.

Pack size: 1 x 10 ml



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