

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

Ear drops

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Polysorbates

- ▶ **Cetralax Plus** (Aspire Pharma Ltd)

Fluocinolone acetonide 25 mg per 1 ml, Ciprofloxacin (as Ciprofloxacin hydrochloride) 3 mg per 1 ml Cetralax Plus 3mg/ml + 0.25mg/ml ear drops 0.25ml unit dose | 15 unit dose [PoM] £6.01 DT = £6.01

Dexamethasone with framycetin sulfate and gramicidin

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The properties listed below are those particular to the combination only. For the properties of the components please consider, dexamethasone p. 475, framycetin sulfate p. 742.

- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Eczematous inflammation in otitis externa

- ▶ TO THE EAR

▶ Child: 2–3 drops 3–4 times a day

- **CAUTIONS** Avoid prolonged use
- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids
- **LESS SUITABLE FOR PRESCRIBING** Sofradex[®] is less suitable for prescribing.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS**

- ▶ Sofradex (Sanofi)

Dexamethasone (as Dexamethasone sodium metasulfobenzoate) 500 microgram per 1 ml, Framycetin sulfate 5 mg per 1 ml, Gramicidin 50 microgram per 1 ml Sofradex ear/eye drops | 8ml [PoM] £7.50

Dexamethasone with glacial acetic acid and neomycin sulfate

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- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Eczematous inflammation in otitis externa

- ▶ TO THE EAR

▶ Child 2-17 years: Apply 1 spray 3 times a day

- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** Patent grommet (although may be used by specialists, see Ear p. 741) · perforated tympanic membrane (although may be used by specialists, see Ear p. 741)
- **CAUTIONS** Avoid prolonged use
- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids · neomycin
- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Paraesthesia · skin reactions · vision blurred

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Spray

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Hydroxybenzoates (parabens)

- ▶ **Otomize** (Teva UK Ltd)

Dexamethasone 1 mg per 1 gram, Neomycin sulfate 5 mg per 1 gram, Acetic acid glacial 20 mg per 1 gram Otomize ear spray | 5 ml [PoM] £3.27

Hydrocortisone with neomycin and polymyxin B sulfate

21-Dec-2017

The properties listed below are those particular to the combination only. For the properties of the components please consider, hydrocortisone p. 476, neomycin sulfate p. 743.

- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Bacterial infection in otitis externa

- ▶ TO THE EAR

▶ Child 3-17 years: Apply 3 drops 3–4 times a day for 7 days (review treatment if there is no clinical improvement)

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids · neomycin · polymyxin b
- **RENAL IMPAIRMENT** Manufacturer advises avoid prolonged, unsupervised use.
- **Dose adjustments** Manufacturer advises reduce dose.

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EXCIPIENTS: May contain Cetostearyl alcohol (including cetyl and stearyl alcohol), hydroxybenzoates (parabens), polysorbates

- ▶ **Otosporin** (Phoenix Labs Ltd)

Hydrocortisone 10 mg per 1 ml, Neomycin sulfate 3400 unit per 1 ml, Polymyxin B sulfate 10000 unit per 1 ml Otosporin ear drops | 10 ml [PoM] £7.45

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Aluminium acetate

- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Inflammation in otitis externa

- ▶ TO THE EAR

▶ Child: To be inserted into meatus or apply on a ribbon gauze dressing or sponge wick which should be kept saturated with the ear drops

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed for use in children.
- **DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION** For ear drops 8%—dilute 8 parts aluminium acetate ear drops (13%) with 5 parts purified water. Must be freshly prepared.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: ear drops

2 Removal of earwax

BICARBONATE

Sodium bicarbonate

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- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Removal of earwax (with 5% ear drop solution)

- ▶ TO THE EAR

▶ Child: (consult product literature)

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: sodium bicarbonate
- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Dry ear

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- ▶ **Sodium bicarbonate (Non-proprietary)**

Sodium bicarbonate 50 mg per 1 ml Sodium bicarbonate 5% ear drops | 10 ml £1.23-£1.25