

**READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE  
PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION**

Pr **TOBRADEX**<sup>®</sup>

**Tobramycin and Dexamethasone Ophthalmic Suspension, USP**

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**What is TOBRADEX used for?**

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- Chronic inflammation of the uvea (a structure of the eye, including the iris i.e. the coloured part of the eye).
- Eye injuries caused by chemicals, radiation or heat burns.
- Eye injuries caused by foreign objects.

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**How does TOBRADEX work?**

TOBRADEX contains:

- Dexamethasone, a corticosteroid.
- Tobramycin, an aminoglycoside antibiotic.

Dexamethasone blocks some substances that inflame the body. Tobramycin blocks bacterial growth and reduces infections. Together, they treat the eye.

**What are the ingredients in TOBRADEX?**

Medicinal ingredients: tobramycin 0.3% w/v and dexamethasone 0.1% w/v

Non-medicinal ingredients:

**Preservative:** benzalkonium chloride

**Others:** edetate disodium, hydroxyethyl cellulose, sodium chloride, sodium hydroxide and/or sulfuric acid (to adjust pH), sodium sulfate, tyloxapol, and purified water.

**TOBRADEX comes in the following dosage forms:**

Eye drop suspension and eye ointment

**Do not use TOBRADEX if you:**

- Are allergic (*hypersensitive*) to tobramycin, dexamethasone or any of the other ingredients in TOBRADEX suspension (see **What are the ingredients in TOBRADEX?**).
- Are allergic to other aminoglycoside antibiotics.
- Have herpes simplex keratitis (inflamed cornea of the eye caused by the herpes simplex virus).
- Have smallpox, chickenpox or any other viral infection of the eye.
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- Develop an allergic reaction. Signs may include skin redness, itching and rash. You should stop taking TOBRADEX.
- Are taking another aminoglycoside antibiotic.
- Have or if you have ever had conditions such as myasthenia gravis or Parkinson's disease. Antibiotics of this kind may worsen muscle weakness.
- Develop an eye infection or your infection gets worse. You should stop taking TOBRADEX.
- Have problems with your metabolism. Talk to your doctor if you experience swelling and weight gain around the trunk and in the face as these are usually the first signs of problems with your metabolism. This risk is especially important in patients treated with medicines containing ritonavir or cobicistat, medicines used in the treatment of HIV.
- Are taking a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). Taking TOBRADEX and an NSAID at the same time may slow healing of the eye.
- Have diabetes. You may be at a higher risk of developing increased pressure in the eyes, vision problems or cataracts.
- Have a disease causing thinning of the eye. Small tears (*perforations*) have occurred.
- Wear contact lenses. Contact lens wear is not recommended during treatment of eye inflammation or an eye infection.
- Are pregnant, may be pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed.
- Are under 18 years of age. TOBRADEX has not been tested in children under 18 years of age.

**Other warnings you should know about:**

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- Glaucoma.
- Vision problems.

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TOBRADEX contains the preservative benzalkonium chloride. This can cause eye inflammation, including inflammation and damage to the cornea. Benzalkonium chloride discolours soft contact lenses. It is best not to wear contact lenses while you are using TOBRADEX. If you must wear contact lenses, remove them before applying TOBRADEX and wait at least 15 minutes before putting your lenses back in.

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**Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**

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**The following may interact with TOBRADEX:**

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- Ritonavir or cobicistat (medicine used in the treatment of HIV).

**How to take TOBRADEX:**

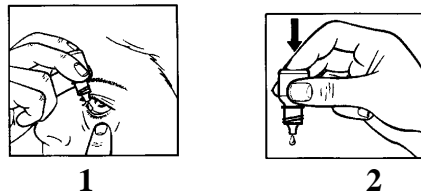
SHAKE WELL BEFORE USE.

After removing the cap: if the security snap collar is loose, remove it before using TOBRADEX.

**Usual adult dose:**

1 to 2 drops in the conjunctival sac of the affected eye(s) every 4 hours. During the first 24 to 48 hours, 1 to 2 drops can be applied every 2 hours. As your condition improves, you may reduce the frequency as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

**How to use:**



1. Wash your hands.
2. Get the TOBRADEX bottle and a mirror.
3. Shake well before use.
4. Hold the bottle, pointing down, between your thumb and fingers.
5. Tilt your head back.

6. Pull down your lower eyelid with a clean finger until there is a “v” pocket between your eyelid and your eye. The drop will go in here (picture 1).
7. Bring the bottle tip close to the eye. Do this in front of a mirror if it helps.
8. Do not touch your eye, eyelid, surrounding areas or other surfaces with the dropper, to avoid contaminating the suspension.
9. Gently press on the base of the bottle to release one drop at a time. Do not squeeze the bottle. It is designed so that a gentle press on the bottom is all that it needs (picture 2).
10. If you miss, wipe up and try again.
11. Close the bottle immediately after use.

**If your doctor has prescribed other eye drop or ointment medicines to be used along with TOBRADEX, apply each medicine at least 5 minutes apart.** Eye ointments should be administered last.

**Overdose:**

If you apply too much TOBRADEX, rinse it out with warm water. Do not apply more TOBRADEX until it is time for your next regular dose.

If you think you have taken too much TOBRADEX, contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

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**What are possible side effects from using TOBRADEX?**

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- Increased tearing
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- Eyelid drooping

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**How to use:**



1. Wash your hands.
2. Tilt your head back.
3. Place a finger on your cheek just under your eye and gently pull down until a “v” pocket is formed between your eyeball and lower eyelid.
4. Place a small amount of TOBRADEX in the “v” pocket. Do **not** let the tip of the tube touch your eye, to avoid contaminating the ointment.
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