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**1. What Opticrom Aqueous is and what it is used for**

Opticrom Aqueous 2% w/v Eye Drops, Solution (called Opticrom Aqueous in this leaflet) contains a medicine called sodium cromoglicate. This belongs to a group of medicines called anti-allergics.

It works by stopping the release of the natural substances in your eyes that can lead to an allergic reaction. Signs of an allergic reaction include itchy, watery, red or inflamed eyes and puffy eyelids.

Opticrom Aqueous is used for the prevention, relief and treatment of eye allergies. This includes:
- Short and long term allergic conjunctivitis (inflammation of parts of the eye)
- More severe cases of conjunctivitis ('vernal keratoconjunctivitis'). Signs include bumps inside the upper eyelid, sensitivity to light and severe itching.

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**2. Before you use Opticrom Aqueous**

Do not use this medicine and tell your doctor if:
- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to sodium cromoglicate, or any of the other ingredients of Opticrom Aqueous (listed in Section 6: Further information).
- Signs of an allergic reaction include: a rash, swelling, or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat, tongue and/or swelling of the eyes or mouth.
- Do not use this medicine if the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Opticrom Aqueous.

**3. How to use Opticrom Aqueous**

Always use Opticrom Aqueous exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

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**Driving and using machines**

You may have blurred eyesight straight after using this medicine. If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines until you can see clearly.

**Important information about some of the ingredients of Opticrom Aqueous**

Opticrom Aqueous contains benzalkonium chloride. This may cause your eyes to become irritated. It may also change the colour of your contact lenses.

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If you forget to use Opticrom Aqueous

If you forget to use your drops as soon as you remember, however, it is nearly time for your next dose. Skip the missed dose. Do not use a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop using Opticrom Aqueous

Keep using the eye drops until your doctor tells you to stop. Do not stop using the eye drops just because your eyes feel better.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Opticrom Aqueous can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

• The itching, redness or swelling gets worse. You may be allergic to these drops.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if any of the side effects gets worse or lasts longer than a few days, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet:

• Stinging or burning in your eyes or blinking of eyesight. This should only last for a short time and occurs immediately after using the eye drops.

NICE eye irritation

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

United Kingdom

You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard

Malta

ADR Reporting, The Medicines Authority, Post-Licensing Directorate, 201 Level 3, Rue D’Agrens, GZR-1128 Gaia
Website: www.medicinesauthorities.gov.mt

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Opticrom Aqueous

Keep this medicine in a safe place where children cannot see or reach it.

Do not use Opticrom Aqueous after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store below 30°C. Keep the bottle in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

Opticrom Aqueous is sterile when you buy it, so you must not keep it for more than four weeks after opening the bottle.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further information

What Opticrom Aqueous contains

• The solution contains 2% w/v of the active substance, sodium cromoglicate
• The other ingredients are: disodium edetate, benzalkonium chloride and purified water

What Opticrom Aqueous looks like and contents of the pack

Opticrom Aqueous is a clear colourless to pale yellow solution supplied in a 13.5 ml plastic dropper bottle with a tamper-proof cap.

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