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Garamycin
(gentamicin sulfate)

COMMON BRAND NAMES

Gentak, Garamycin

THERAPEUTIC CLASS

Aminoglycoside

DEA CLASS

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ADULT DOSAGE & INDICATIONS

Ocular Infections

Bacterial Infections:

Treatment of conditions such as conjunctivitis, keratitis, keratoconjunctivitis, corneal ulcers, blepharitis, blepharoconjunctivitis, acute meibomianitis, or dacryocystitis

Oint:

Apply a small amount (about 1/2 inch) to affected eye(s) bid-tid

Sol:

Instill 1 or 2 drops into affected eye(s) q4h; may increase to as much as 2 drops q1h in severe infections

ADMINISTRATION

Ocular route

HOW SUPPLIED

Oint: 0.3% [3.5g]; Sol: 0.3% [5mL]

WARNINGS/PRECAUTIONS

Not for injection into the eye. Do not directly introduce into the anterior chamber of the eye. Prolonged use may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms (eg, fungi). Bacterial resistance may develop; d/c if purulent discharge, inflammation, or pain becomes aggravated. D/C if irritation or hypersensitivity develops and institute appropriate therapy. (Oint) May retard corneal healing.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Ocular burning/irritation upon instillation, nonspecific conjunctivitis, conjunctival epithelial defects, conjunctival hyperemia.

PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

Category C, safety not known in nursing.

MECHANISM OF ACTION

Aminoglycoside antibiotic.

ASSESSMENT

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Assess for known hypersensitivity to any of the components of the drug, causative organisms, and pregnancy/nursing status.

MONITORING

For patients on prolonged therapy, monitor for overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms (eg, fungi) and bacterial resistance. Monitor for irritation, hypersensitivity, and other adverse reactions.

PATIENT COUNSELING

Advise not to touch tip of container to the eye, eyelid, or any other surface to avoid contamination. Instruct to d/c and notify physician if purulent discharge, inflammation or pain becomes aggravated, or if irritation or hypersensitivity develops.

STORAGE

Sol: 20-25°C (68-77°F). Oint: (Garamycin) 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F). (Gentak) 2-30°C (36-86°F).

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