

# Fucithalamic Vet

## Introduction



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## Presentation

Sterile, viscous eye drops of 1 % aqueous sustained release formulation of fusidic acid PhEur preserved with benzalkonium chloride PhEur 0.01 %. Other ingredients: disodium edetate, mannitol, carbomer, sodium hydroxide, water for injections.

## Uses

### *Mode of action*

Fusidic acid is active against *Staphylococcus aureus* and, in particular, against the biotype *Staphylococcus intermedius* which is a common isolate from clinical cases of canine conjunctivitis.

In the cat, ocular bacterial infection is usually secondary to viral, chlamydial or mycoplasmal infection or trauma. Among the variety of bacteria found, the *Staphylococcus* spp. are considered to be sensitive to fusidic acid.

In the rabbit, ocular infections are associated with a variety of organisms which are sensitive to fusidic acid, the most common of which are staphylococci.

The sustained release formulation ensures prolonged retention within the conjunctival sac. Once or twice daily applications will provide inhibitory levels of fusidic acid against the sensitive organisms. Studies have shown that fusidic acid penetrates well into the cornea and anterior chamber in humans and rabbits.

### *Indications*

- Dogs: For the topical treatment of conjunctivitis associated with *Staphylococcus aureus*, in particular, the biotype *Staphylococcus intermedius*.
- Cats: For the topical treatment of conjunctivitis associated with secondary staphylococcal infections.
- Rabbits: For the topical treatment of conjunctivitis associated with staphylococcal infections.

## Dosage and administration

One drop should be instilled into the eye once or twice daily. Treatment should be continued for at least 24 hours after the eye has returned to normal. If a clinical response is not evident after 5 days following the commencement of administration, the diagnosis should be re-established.

If the animal has one infected eye, it may be advisable to treat both eyes to prevent cross infection. In such cases it is better to treat the uninfected eye first to avoid transferring infection via the tube nozzle.

In cats, the possibility of a primary cause should be investigated and treated if possible.

In rabbits, conjunctivitis may be associated with dacryocystitis and/or dental disease. In such cases, appropriate additional treatment should be instituted.

## Contra-indications, warnings, etc

For animal treatment only.

Not for use in rabbits intended for human consumption.

Should not be used in conjunctivitis cases associated with *Pseudomonas* spp.

Hypersensitivity to any of the components: discontinue use if hypersensitivity develops to the product.

Care should be taken to avoid contamination of the contents during use and to avoid the nozzle coming into direct contact with the eye. Avoid fingers touching the tube nozzle.

Wash hands after applying the product.

Keep out of the reach of children.

Do not use the same tube to treat different animals.

For external use only.

**Pharmaceutical precautions**

Do not store above 25°C.

Replace the cap between applications.

Any contents remaining one month after the date on which the container was first opened should be discarded.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with national requirements.

**Legal category**

POM-V (previously POM)

**Packaging Quantities**

Available in 3 g tubes.

**Further information**

Nil.

**Marketing authorisation number**

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