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## PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

### **Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you**

PREFRIN Liquifilm is available without a doctor's prescription, for you to treat a mild illness. Nevertheless you still need to use PREFRIN Liquifilm carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must see a doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve.

### **SCHEDULING STATUS**

Schedule 0

### **PROPERTY NAME AND DOSAGE FORM**

PREFRIN Liquifilm Sterile Eye Drops

### **1. WHAT PREFRIN LIQUIFILM CONTAINS**

- The active substance is phenylephrine hydrochloride 1,2 mg/ml.
- The preservative is benzalkonium chloride 0,005 % m/v.
- The other ingredients are polyvinyl alcohol (Liquifilm), sodium phosphate dibasic anhydrous, sodium phosphate monobasic, disodium edetate, sodium acetate anhydrous, sodium thiosulphate anhydrous, purified water. Sodium hydroxide or hydrochloric acid may be added to adjust the pH.

### **2. WHAT PREFRIN LIQUIFILM IS USED FOR**

PREFRIN Liquifilm is a lubricating decongestant that whitens the eyes and is used for the relief of minor eye irritations caused by colds, hay fever, dust, smog, hard contact lenses, sun, swimming, wind, when no infection is present.

### **3. BEFORE YOU USE PREFRIN LIQUIFILM**

Do not use PREFRIN Liquifilm:

- If you are allergic to phenylephrine hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients of PREFRIN Liquifilm.
- If you have narrow angle glaucoma.
- While you are wearing soft contact lenses.

### **Take special care with PREFRIN Liquifilm**

If you have an extensive eye surface disease, special care should be taken when using eye drops with benzalkonium chloride as preservative such as PREFRIN Liquifilm. Do not use PREFRIN Liquifilm for a prolonged period of time and have regular eye examinations.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding your baby while using this medicine, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional for advice.

### **Taking other medicines with PREFRIN Liquifilm**

If you are taking other medicines on a regular basis, including complementary or traditional medicines, the use of PREFRIN Liquifilm with these medicines may cause undesirable interactions. Please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional for advice.

## **4. HOW TO USE PREFRIN LIQUIFILM**

Always use PREFRIN Liquifilm exactly as your doctor has instructed you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

The usual dose is one or two drops of PREFRIN Liquifilm in each eye, every 3 to 4 hours if needed.

If you have the impression that the effect of PREFRIN Liquifilm is too strong or too weak, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

### **If you used more PREFRIN Liquifilm than you should**

In the event of overdosage, consult your doctor or pharmacist. If neither is available, seek help at the nearest hospital or poison control centre. An ocular overdosage may rarely cause systemic effects like palpitation, changes in the way your heart beats, heart contractions, headache, paleness of the skin, trembling, increased sweating and high blood pressure.

### **If you forget to take PREFRIN Liquifilm**

Do not take a double dose to make up for forgotten individual doses.

## **5. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

PREFRIN Liquifilm can have side effects. Not all side effects reported for this medicine are included in this leaflet. Should your general health worsen while taking this medicine, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional for advice.

Enlarged pupils may occur in some individuals.

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## **6. STORING AND DISPOSING OF PREFRIN LIQUIFILM**

Do not store above 25 °C. Keep bottle tightly closed when not in use. Do not use for more than 30 days after first opening. Keep all medicines out of the reach and sight of children.

Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist. Do not dispose of unused medicine in drains or sewerage systems (e.g. toilets).

## **7. PRESENTATION OF PREFRIN LIQUIFILM**

PREFRIN Liquifilm is supplied in sterile dropper bottles containing 15 ml solution.

## **8. IDENTIFICATION OF PREFRIN LIQUIFILM**

A clear colourless solution.

## **9. REGISTRATION NUMBER**

J/15.4/84

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## **11. DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**

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