

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Bentifen 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution
Ketotifen

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- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.>

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- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.>

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What is in this leaflet:

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2. What you need to know before you use Bentifen
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1. What Bentifen is and what it is used for

Bentifen contains the active substance ketotifen, which is an anti-allergic substance. Bentifen is used to treat eye symptoms of hay fever.

<You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after [to be completed nationally] days.>

2. What you need to know before you use Bentifen

Do not use Bentifen

If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to ketotifen or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before using Bentifen.

Other medicines and Bentifen

If you need to apply any other medicinal products to your eyes together with Bentifen, wait at least 5 minutes between applying each product.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This is particularly important for medicines which are used to treat:

- depression, anxiety and sleep disorders
- allergy (e.g. antihistamines)

Bentifen with food, drink and alcohol

Bentifen may increase the effect of alcohol.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine.

Bentifen can be used during breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

Bentifen may cause blurred vision, drowsiness or dizziness. If this happens to you, wait until this has cleared before driving or operating machinery.

Bentifen contains benzalkonium chloride

This medicine contains 2.6 micrograms benzalkonium chloride in each drop.

Benzalkonium chloride may be absorbed by soft contact lenses and may change the colour of the contact lenses. You should remove contact lenses before using this medicine and put them back 15 minutes afterwards.

Benzalkonium chloride may also cause eye irritation, especially if you have dry eyes or disorders of the cornea (the clear layer at the front of the eye). If you feel abnormal eye sensation, stinging or pain in the eye after using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

3. How to use Bentifen

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The recommended dose for adults, elderly and children (age 3 and older) is one drop into the affected eye(s) twice a day (in the morning and evening).

Instructions for use

1. Wash your hands.
2. Open the bottle. Do not touch the tip after opening the bottle.
3. Lean your head back (Fig. 1).
4. Pull down your lower eyelid with your finger and hold the bottle in your other hand. Squeeze the bottle so that one drop falls into the eye (Fig. 2).
5. Close your eyes and press the tip of one finger against the corner of the eye for around 1-2 minutes. This will prevent the drop running through the tear duct into your throat and most of

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- the drop will remain in the eye (Fig. 3). If necessary repeat steps 3 to 5 with your other eye.
6. Close the bottle after use.



Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

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

If you use more Bentifen than you should

There is no danger if you have accidentally taken Bentifen by mouth or if you have used more than one drop in the eye. If you have any doubt contact your doctor for advice.

If you forget to use Bentifen

If you forget to use Bentifen you should treat your eyes as soon as you remember. Then continue with your normal routine.

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

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The following side effects have been reported.

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- eye irritation or pain
- inflammation in the eye

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- blurred vision when putting drops on the eye
- dry eye
- eyelid disorder
- conjunctivitis
- increased sensitivity of the eyes to light
- visible bleeding in white of eye
- headache
- drowsiness
- rash (which may also itch)
- eczema (itchy, red, burning rash)
- dry mouth
- allergic reaction (including swelling of the face and eyelids) and increase in severity of existing allergic conditions such as asthma and eczema

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- dizziness

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. You can also report side effects directly via [the national reporting](#)

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system listed in Appendix V. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Bentifen

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not store above 25°C.

The bottle is not sterile itself, but its contents are sterile until the bottle is opened.

After opening the bottle, the eye drops can only be stored for 4 weeks.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date, which is stated on the carton and bottle after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Bentifen contains

The active substance is ketotifen (as fumarate). Each ml contains 0.345 mg ketotifen fumarate corresponding to 0.25 mg ketotifen.

The other ingredients are glycerol (E422), sodium hydroxide (E524), water for injections and benzalkonium chloride.

What Bentifen looks like and contents of the pack

Bentifen is a clear, colourless to faint yellow solution. The solution is available in a pack containing one bottle of 5 ml.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer:

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Manufacturer :

EXCELVISION, 27 rue de la Lombardière, 07100 Annonay, France.

This medicinal product is authorised in the Member States of the EEA under the following names:

Spain	Bentifen colirio
Sweden	Bentifen 0,25 mg/ml, ögondroppar, lösning

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