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ATROPINE OCCLUSION

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PATIENT INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Your child has been diagnosed with an eye condition called Amblyopia (or lazy eye). It is difficult to achieve the amount of patching that would help to improve your child's visual development therefore an alternative form of treatment called Atropine Occlusion has been suggested.

This treatment works by blocking the vision in the 'good' eye in order to force the weaker eye to work. However, instead of using patches to cover the 'good' eye, an eye drop will be used.

HOW TO USE THE DROPS

- The drop is inserted every night into the 'good' eye only.
- Please ensure you wash your hands before and after using the drops.
- It is easier to put the drop in if your child is lying down.
- Tell your child to look up and place a drop into the lower lid.
- The drops will cause the pupil (black inner part) of the eye to dilate, and therefore blur the vision.

EFFECT OF THE DROPS

- The drops will cause your child's vision to become blurred in the good eye.
- If your child is at school, please let the teacher know that you are using these drops, and that his/her vision is blurred. Your child may benefit from sitting nearer the front of the class and may be slightly slower with written work and reading tasks.
- As he/she may feel dehydrated whilst using the drops, please make sure your child drinks plenty of water.
- Your child's eyes may be very sensitive to bright light - wearing a cap or sunglasses may help to reduce their symptoms.

STORAGE

- Keep the drops out of reach of children
- Store them in a cool place
- Only use the drops for the child they have been prescribed for and never by any other person.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

The eye drop is a drug. Once the drops have been used, if your child becomes severely flushed, irritable or dehydrated they may be allergic to the treatment. Stop using the drops immediately, contact your doctor and notify the eye clinic as soon as possible.

As the treatment involves using a drug, your child will need to be monitored closely, and it is likely that they will be required to attend the eye clinic every 2-4 weeks.

If you are unable to attend an appointment it is important that you call and let us know.

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