

## Ciprofloxacin ear drops

(Cip- ro- flox- a- sin)

### What are ciprofloxacin ear drops used for?

Ciprofloxacin ear drops are used to treat bacterial ear infections. They work by stopping the growth of bugs that commonly cause ear infections.

If bacterial ear infections **are not treated**, they can lead to **permanent damage to the ear(s) which can result in hearing loss**.

### How to use this medication?

- It is very important to continue using the ear drops for 2-3 days after symptoms have gone away. Your doctor will tell you when to stop.
- If the ear drops are cold, warm them by holding the bottle in your hand for 1-2 minutes **before** giving. Cold ear drops can cause dizziness when put into the ear(s).
- Throw the bottle away 4 weeks after opening.

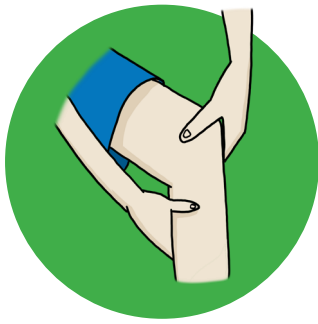
### How to use the ear drops?

Follow these 8 steps:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Shake the bottle.
3. Tilt your child's head to one side (they could rest their head on a pillow).
4. Put the tip of the dropper just inside the ear hole. Try to avoid touching the tip of the dropper to the ear.
5. Gently squeeze the required drop(s) into the ear.
6. Keep your child's head tilted for a minute or so after putting the drops in.
7. Wipe the dropper with a clean tissue after each use.
8. Repeat the above steps for the other ear if necessary.



## Let your doctor know if:



History of tendon damage (in the joints) with antibiotic use

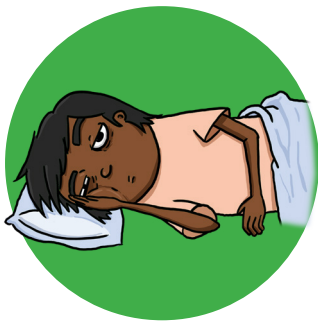


You are taking other medicines including herbal medicines

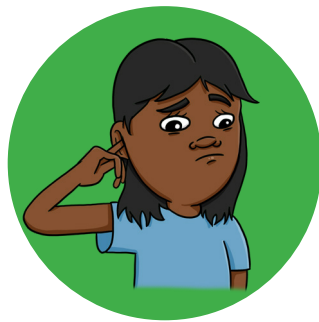


You have had an allergic reaction to a medicine

## Common side effects:



Local discomfort in the ear



Itch in the ear

## Important to remember:

Keep all medicines out of reach and out of sight of children. Keep medicines in a cool, dry place

If **swallowed** call Poisons Centre on 13 11 26 or go to the **Emergency Department**. Show them the container of what you're taking.



To dispose of **out-of-date** or **unwanted** medicines take them to a pharmacy.



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