

Atropine eye drops

Information for children age 5 years+

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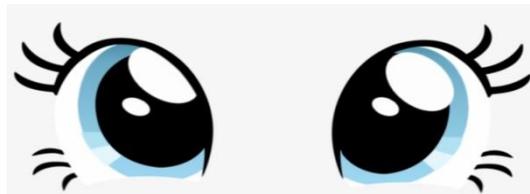
Drops to be instilled into: Right Eye Left Eye

..... times per week.

Introduction

Why do I need to use atropine eye drops?

You have two eyes but sometimes one eye can see much better than the other eye. Your weaker eye will need extra help to make it stronger and help it see better.



You may need to wear glasses



You need to make your weaker eye become stronger

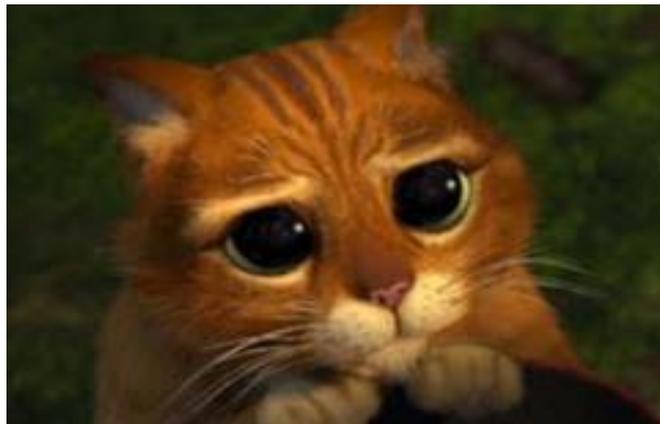
Some children wear a patch over one eye to help the weaker eye become stronger but some children prefer to have atropine drops.

What will the eye drop do to my eye?

The atropine eye drop will be put in the eye that can see the best.

The drop will make that eye blurry, this will make the other eye work harder.

- It will make the black part of your eye (pupil) **very** big
- It will make things look a bit blurry



How long will I have to use the eye drops for?

When you come to clinic to play the letter or picture games that tell us what your eyes can see, the Orthoptist will tell you if your eye is getting better and if you need to carry on with the drops.

You will not have to have eye drops forever, just until your eye gets stronger

Will my eye drop hurt?

No, the drops don't hurt but they feel cold when they go in
If you count to 10 after the drops, the cold feeling will go away.

If you are a little worried about your eye drop being put in, the adult that looks after you (like your Mum, Dad or Carer) could put the drop in your eye whilst you are asleep at night. You can talk about this.

About my atropine eye drops

- You must not play with these drops, they should only be touched by a grown up (adult)
- Only an adult can put the drops into your eye
- Your eye drop will be put in your stronger eye
- If you have glasses, you must wear them too
- After you have had your eye drop, your vision will be blurry so you should be careful when doing some activities like running around

What can I do with my eye drop in?



- You can still have fun with your eye drop in
- You can do all the things you would normally do
- You could read a story or colour in a colouring book
- You could play on a computer or tablet
- You can do all the things you normally like doing, if an adult says it is safe to do so

If you have any problems with your drops, your Mum, Dad or Carer can telephone the eye clinic to talk to someone that can help

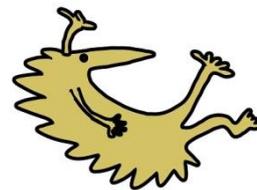
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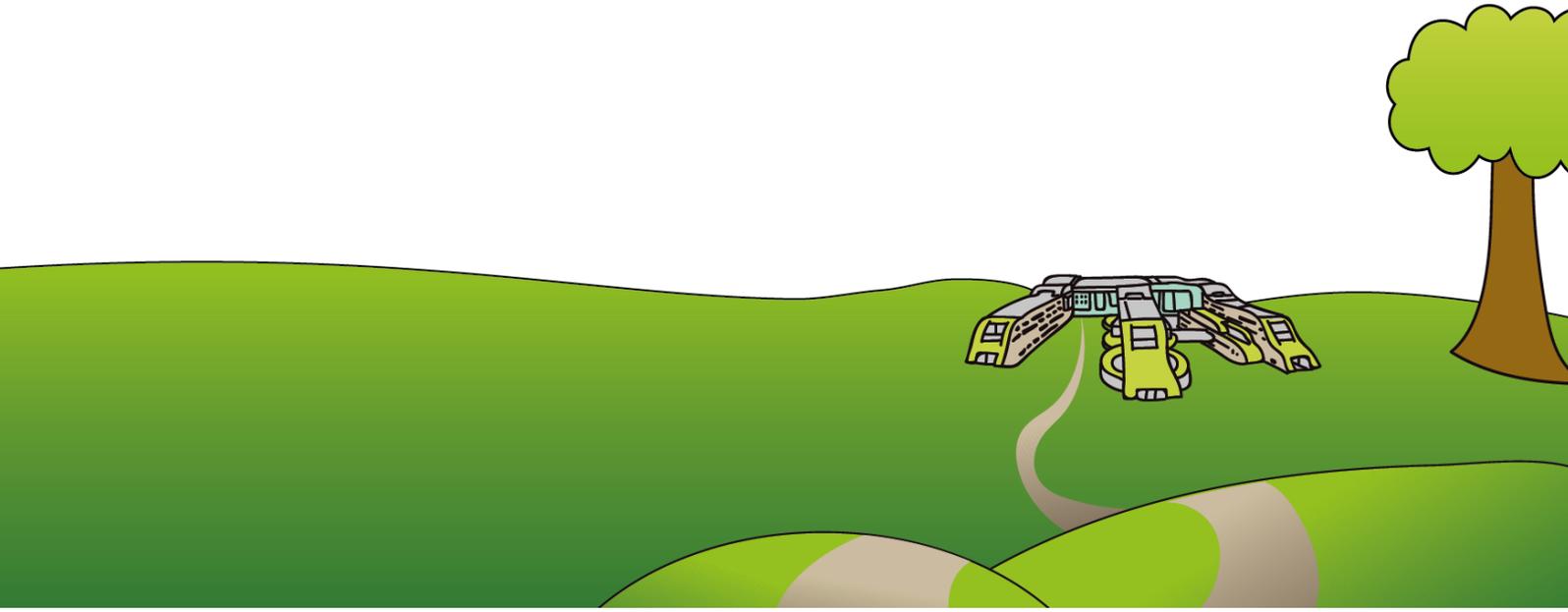
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