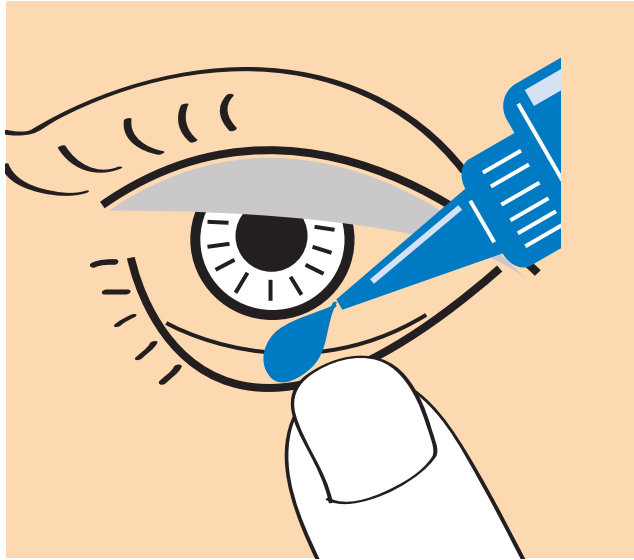


**Use of Atropine Eye
Drops for Occlusion**
(Treatment of Lazy Eye)

How should I put the drops in?

- Wash both your own and your child's hands before and after putting the drops in.
- Gently pull down the lower lid of the better eye.
- Put one drop of the Atropine into the area between the eyeball and the lower lid.
- Press gently on the inner corner of the eye for 1 minute to avoid the solution draining away into the nose.
- It may be easier to put the eye drop in while your child is asleep.



IT IS IMPORTANT that **ALL** appointments are attended when using atropine drops.

The drops **MUST** be stopped if an appointment is missed.

Are there any side effects?

- It will make the dilated eye sensitive to bright light - wearing a sunhat may help.
- The child may feel a little discomfort when initially used.
- If your child's eyes become red and sore this may be an allergic reaction and you should stop the treatment and seek medical advice.
- General symptoms such as a dry mouth, flushed appearance, dry skin/rash, nausea/vomiting, and constipation may also occur. These symptoms are rare, however if they do occur you should;

Stop the treatment immediately

Seek medical advice. Either contact the Orthoptic Dept on 01274 364175 or alternatively contact your GP.

Further Information

- **Warning:** Atropine is poisonous if taken orally, please store safely.
- Do not use Atropine that is past its expiry date.
- Do not use Atropine if the bottle has been opened for 4 weeks.
- Store the Atropine upright in a dry place below 25°C and away from direct sunlight.



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If you need this information in another format or language, please ask a member of staff to arrange this for you.

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