

### 3.5 Standing Order for supply of Chloramphenicol eye drops

<b>TITLE</b>	Standing order for Chloramphenicol eye drops
<b>Trade Name(s)</b>	Chloromycetin Eye Drops; Chlorsig Eye drops; Minims Chloramphenicol 0.5% Eye Drops
<b>Presentation<sup>1</sup></b>	Clear to slightly hazy, colourless, sterile eye drops 0.5% (5mg/mL).
<b>Indication</b>	Prophylactic antibiotic coverage against bacterial infection in superficial ocular injuries including corneal foreign body and “welder’s flash” burn
<b>Contraindications<sup>1</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Known allergy to chloramphenicol</li> <li>• Restriction of eye movement / abnormal pupils / cloudy cornea</li> <li>• Chronic eye disease (e.g. glaucoma)</li> <li>• Recent (within 6 months) eye surgery, including laser surgery</li> </ul>
<b>Precautions<sup>1</sup></b>	Patients should be instructed to cease using contact lenses during treatment and seek GP or optometrist advice prior to recommencing use
<b>Dose<sup>1</sup></b>	1 drop into affected eye/s
<b>Dose frequency<sup>1</sup></b>	Every 2–4 hours for 2 days; then 1 drop 4 times daily for 5 days
<b>Administration and Supply<sup>1</sup></b>	<p><b>May be administered in hospital and full course of medication may be supplied via pre-labelled stock for use outside the hospital.</b> Single patient use (discard after 1 month of opening)</p> <p>Ensure contact lenses are removed</p> <p>Instil dose into affected eye/s</p> <p>(see Emergency Eye Manual pg. 26 for eye drop instructions)</p> <p><a href="http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/155011/eye_manual.pdf">http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/155011/eye_manual.pdf</a></p>
<b>Storage</b>	Refrigerate and store out of patient and public access, preferably in a locked room or a locked cabinet securely attached to the wall or floor – see PD2013_043.
<b>Adverse effects<sup>1</sup></b>	Local ocular irritation; burning or itching. Allergic type reactions. Unpleasant taste. Blurred vision.
<b>Nursing Accreditation Requirements</b>	An RN whose competency to practice Nurse Delegated Emergency Care and to comply with this Standing Order has been assessed and approved by a <i>Local Facilitator</i> , in accordance with the NDEC Education and Accreditation Framework.
<b>Documentation</b>	Administration and supply record is to be documented by the administering nurse. Document first dose and supply of the full course in the “once only” section of the medication chart. The record of administration must be checked and countersigned by a medical officer within 24 hours of initial administration.
<b>Related Documents</b>	NDEC Nurse Management Guideline: Eye Problems <a href="http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/270">http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/270</a> NDEC Nurse Management Guideline: Pain <a href="http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/275">http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/275</a>

#### Local Standing Order Authorisation:

<b>Date approved by _____ LHD Drugs and Therapeutics Committee:</b>	<b>Medical Officer Name:</b>
<b>Review Date:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>

<sup>1</sup> The drug information provided is to act as a guide only, for further information reference should be made to the full product info available on MIMS or the Australian Medicines Handbook <accessible in NSW Health facilities via CIAP: > If contraindications, precautions or interactions are present refer to MO before administration