

If topical antibiotic is required:

- Consider referral to ophthalmology if symptoms persist for more than 7 to 10 days.

Drug	Dose	Duration	+/- Notes
1st choice options			
Chloramphenicol 0.5% drops	Adults and Children: Apply two drops to the infected eye(s) every 3 hours during waking hours or more frequently if required.	Treatment should be continued for 48 hours after resolution of symptoms, in general for a maximum of one week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drops can be used in conjunction with the ointment (apply at night) if desired as the ointment at night allows prolonged contact time.• Presence of ointment on the eye may blur the vision with use during the day.• Two formulations of chloramphenicol eye drops are available Chloromycetin® 0.5% Redidrops and Minims Chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops. Chloromycetin® 0.5% Redidrops can be used in children under 2 years. Minims Chloramphenicol 0.5% eyedrops remain unlicensed for use in children under 2 years.• Chloramphenicol is not recommended in pregnancy or breastfeeding.
OR			
Chloramphenicol 1% Ointment <i>(Unlicensed medication)</i>	Adults and Children: Apply to the infected eye(s) every 6 hours (or apply at night only if used in conjunction with chloramphenicol drops)	Treatment should be continued for 48 hours after resolution of symptoms, in general for a maximum of one week	
2nd choice options			
Fusidic Acid 1 % Viscous Eye Drops Suspension	Adults and Children: Apply one drop to infected eye(s) every 12 hours	Treatment should be continued for 48 hours after resolution of symptoms, in general for a maximum of one week	