Fluorets®
Fluorescein sodium
Paper strips for ophthalmic use

Read all this leaflet carefully before you start using your medicine. It contains a summary of the information available on your medicine. If you have any questions or are not sure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Remember this medicine is for you. Do not give it to someone else.

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1. What Fluorets® is and what it is used for
Fluorets® contains a diagnostic agent. The active substance, fluorescein sodium, is a temporary dye used to:
- help your doctor or eye specialist to examine your eye
- help your doctor or eye specialist to measure the pressure inside your eye by a test called tonometry
- help in the fitting of hard contact lenses

Scratches on the conjunctiva (the lining of the inside of the eyelids and part of the eye) are stained yellow or orange by fluorescein. Damages to the cornea (the transparent membrane covering the surface of the eye) are stained green. Any foreign bodies which are stuck in your eye are surrounded by a green ring.

This medicine is indicated for children, adults and the elderly.

2. Before you use Fluorets®
Do not use these paper strips if:
- you are allergic to the active substance (fluorescein).
- you wear soft contact lenses.

If you are pregnant, may be pregnant, or are breastfeeding Tell your doctor or eye specialist, he/she may decide to use these paper strips or to prescribe you an alternative.

Contact lenses Your doctor will ask you to remove your soft contact lenses prior to the application of the paper strip. There is no information on the effect of this product on soft contact lenses. Therefore, do not wear your soft contact lenses until the effects of the medicine have completely worn off.

Driving and using machines Your vision may be blurred after the application of the paper strip to the eye. This will wear off within a few minutes. Wait until your vision is clear before driving or using machines.

3. How to use Fluorets®
The doctor or eye specialist will apply the paper strip on to your eye. Do not use Fluorets® if the envelope of the paper strip has been damaged or opened. Remove the strip from the envelope, holding the exposed handle end. Do not touch the orange fluorescein impregnated tip. A paper strip is first dampened at its orange tip with an appropriate sterile eyewash (water or saline). The dampened paper strip stroked across the bulbar conjunctiva will allow the doctor or eye specialist to inspect your eye. You may be asked to blink a few times to spread the dye evenly across the eye. The strip should be used once and discarded. A sterile eyewash (water or saline) may be used to wash away any excess fluorescein.
4. Possible side effects

The following side-effects have been reported very rarely:

- allergic reactions with redness and irritation of the eye, swelling around the eye,
- severe allergic reaction with difficulty in breathing and symptoms of shock,
- itchy skin rash with raised red blotches.

If any of the side effects gets serious, please seek immediate medical attention. If you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to store Fluorets®

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use Fluorets® after the expiry date which is stated on the envelope and on the canister after the letters “EXP”. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C. Do not freeze. Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

Do not use Fluorets® if the envelope of the paper strip has been damaged or opened.

The paper strips are in special single use sterile units. Once opened, use immediately. Discard the used strip.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further information

What does a paper strip contain

- The active ingredient is fluorescein sodium. Each paper strip contains approximately 1 mg of the active ingredient.
- There are no other ingredients.

Each Fluorets® paper strip is a sterile, individually wrapped paper strip coated at one end with 1 mg of fluorescein sodium.

Contents of the pack

A pack of Fluorets® contains 100 sterile individually wrapped paper strips.

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