

PARENTAL DIRECTIONS FOR ATROPINE ADMINISTRATION FOR AMBLYOPIA THERAPY

- The purpose of using Atropine drops is to blur the vision in the good eye. This will force the ‘weaker eye’ to work harder.
- Wash hands thoroughly after administering the eye drops. If you don’t do this, and if any of the drops is present on your fingers, when you touch your own eye, you may accidentally dilate yourself.
- The drops must be given every day. The drops will only blur vision for 24 hours – but the pupil will stay dilated for a couple of days. Do not assume that because the eye is dilated that the drop is working.
- It is normal for some sensitive patients to get pink cheeks and/or feel thirsty the first few days soon after getting the drops. If this happens, give the drops every other day until the symptoms stop. If there are any other stronger responses to the drops, **STOP THE DROPS AND CALL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY**. Like any medication, rarely a patient can be allergic or have an adverse reaction.
- One drop is safe, but the whole bottle is not. **KEEP THE EYE DROPS AWAY FROM YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS.**
- Atropine should not be used by patients who have a history of heart problems. If your child has, or has had any heart problems, do not use the drops. Please call and notify the doctor.