



How to Use Eye Ointments and Gels Properly



(Using a mirror or having someone else apply the ointment or gel may make this procedure easier.)

- 1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Avoid touching the tip of the tube against your eye or anything else the medication and its container must be kept clean.
- Holding the tube between your thumb and forefinger, place it as near to your eyelid as possible without touching
 it.
- 4. Brace the remaining fingers of that hand against your face.
- 5. Tilt your head forward slightly.
- 6. With your index finger, pull the lower eyelid down to form a pocket.
- 7. Squeeze a ribbon of ointment or gel into the pocket made by the lower eyelid.
- 8. Blink your eye gently; then close your eye for 1 to 2 minutes.
- With a tissue, wipe any excess ointment or gel from the eyelids and lashes. With another clean tissue, wipe the tip of the tube clean.
- 10. Replace and tighten the cap right away.
- 11. Wash your hands to remove any medication.