

Antibiotics with FDA-approved Indication for Conjunctivitis

Agent	Ages	Dosing
Bacitracin	Not specified	1/4 to 1/2 inch ribbon Q3-4 h or BID-TID x 7-10 d
Bacitracin/polymyxin B	Not specified	1/2 inch ribbon Q3-4 h or BID-TID x 7-10 d
Neomycin/polymyxin B/bacitracin	Adult	1/2 inch Q3-4 h x 7-10 d
Neomycin/polymyxin B/gramicidin	Adult	1-2 drops QID to 6 times/d
Polymyxin B/trimethoprim	≥2 months	1 drop Q3 h x 7-10 d
Sulfacetamide	≥2 months	1-2 drops up to Q2-3 h x 7-10 d
Macrolides		
Erythromycin	Newborn to adult	1/2 inch BID to 6 times/d
Azithromycin 1%	≥1 year	1 drop BID x 2 d, then QD x 5 d
Fluoroquinolones		
Besifloxacin 0.6%	≥1 year	1 drop TID x 7 d
Ciprofloxacin 0.3%	≥1 year	1/2 inch or 1-2 drops 3-6 times/d x 2 d, then BID-QID x 5 d
Gatifloxacin 0.5%	≥1 year	1 drop Q2 hours (when awake: max 8/d) x 1 d, then 1 drop BID-QID x 6 d
Levofloxacin 0.5%	≥1 year	1-2 drops Q2 hours x 1-2 d, then Q4 h x 5 d
Moxifloxacin 0.5%	≥4 months	1 drop BID or TID x 7 d
Ofloxacin 0.3%	≥1 year	1-2 drops Q2-4 hours x 2 d, then QID x 5 d

* May vary by specific brand

Key: BID — twice daily, d — days, h — hours, Q — every, QID — 4 times daily, TID — 3 times daily

Sources: Lacy CF, et al (eds). *Drug Information Handbook*. 2011; McEvoy GK et al (eds). *AHFS 2009 Drug Information*. 2009.