

# SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I using SIGUENT HYCOR?

SIGUENT HYCOR contains the active ingredient hydrocortisone acetate. SIGUENT HYCOR is used to treat inflammatory conditions of the eye.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using SIGUENT HYCOR?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use SIGUENT HYCOR?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to hydrocortisone acetate or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use SIGUENT HYCOR?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with SIGUENT HYCOR and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How do I use SIGUENT HYCOR?

- Gently pull out the lower eyelid to form a sac. Run the ointment into the sac, then allow the eye to close.
- Apply gentle pressure on the closed eye for about one minute.
- Try not to let the nozzle of the tube contact the eye when applying.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use SIGUENT HYCOR?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using SIGUENT HYCOR?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell your doctor if you feel it is not helping your condition.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if, for any reason, you have not used this medicine as prescribed.</li><li>• If you develop any other eye condition such as injury, eye surgery or infections while using this medicine, seek your doctor's advice concerning the continued use.</li><li>• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using SIGUENT HYCOR.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not wear contact lenses while using SIGUENT HYCOR as it may increase the risk of infection.</li><li>• Do not give it to anyone else even though their symptoms seem like yours.</li><li>• Do not use it for other conditions unless your doctor tells you.</li><li>• Do not use SIGUENT HYCOR for a long time.</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be careful before you drive or use machinery until you know how SIGUENT HYCOR affects you. It may temporarily cause blurred vision.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep SIGUENT HYCOR below 25°C.</li><li>• Discard any remaining ointment 4 weeks from first using it.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using SIGUENT HYCOR?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

The most common side effect of SIGUENT HYCOR is temporary blurred vision (especially after application).

Other side effects are uncommon to rare. Serious side effects of SIGUENT HYCOR include secondary eye infection and sudden changes in vision.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment

Active ingredient: *hydrocortisone acetate*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment.

**You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment.**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I using SIGUENT HYCOR?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use SIGUENT HYCOR?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use SIGUENT HYCOR?](#)
- [5. What should I know while using SIGUENT HYCOR?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

## 1. Why am I using SIGUENT HYCOR?

SIGUENT HYCOR contains 1% hydrocortisone acetate as the active ingredient.

This medicine is a type of glucocorticoid and belongs to the group of medicines called corticosteroids.

It is used in inflammatory (red, swollen) conditions of the eye including:

- allergic conjunctivitis
- conjunctivitis or swollen eyelids
- shingles (herpes zoster ophthalmicus)
- recurring eye ulcers.

SIGUENT HYCOR is for use in the eyes only. It should not be taken by mouth.

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why it has been prescribed for you.**

Your doctor may have prescribed this medicine for another purpose.

## 2. What should I know before I use SIGUENT HYCOR?

### Warnings

**Do not use SIGUENT HYCOR if:**

- **you are allergic to hydrocortisone acetate or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.**

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty in breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or any other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

- **you wear contact lenses.**  
Wearing contact lenses while using this medicine may increase the risk of infection.
- **you have any of the following health conditions:**
  - acute herpes infection of the eye (herpes simplex), vaccinia (a special form of chicken pox), varicella, or other viral infections of the eye
  - ocular tuberculosis
  - fungal diseases of the eye
  - pus producing infections of the eye.
- **the expiry date on the pack has passed.**
- **the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.**

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- **have any other medical conditions, especially the following:**
  - glaucoma or a family history of glaucoma
  - cataracts
  - diabetes
  - any disease in which the cornea is thinned (perforation may occur).
- **are a wearer of contact lenses**
- **take any medicines for any other condition**
- **have had any allergy to any other medicines, or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives, or dyes.**

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

## Pregnancy and breastfeeding

**Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.**

**Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.**

## 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.**

Some medicines may interfere with SIGUENT HYCOR and affect how it works. These include:

- drugs used to treat glaucoma.
- atropine and related compounds, these include medicines used to relieve stomach cramps or spasms,

to prevent travel sickness and to treat Parkinson's disease.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect SIGUENT HYCOR.**

## 4. How do I use SIGUENT HYCOR?

### How to use it

- Gently pull out the lower eyelid to form a sac. Run the ointment into the sac, then allow the eye to close.
- Apply gentle pressure on the closed eye for about one minute.
- Try not to let the nozzle of the tube contact the eye when applying.

If handled incorrectly, eye ointments such as SIGUENT HYCOR can become contaminated by bacteria which can cause further infections when applied to the eye.

### How much to use

- Apply two to four times a day or as directed by your doctor.
- Do not use more than the amount advised or use this medicine more frequently than directed.

It is important to use the ointment exactly as directed. If you use less than you should, it may not work as well and your medical condition may not improve. Using it more frequently than you should may not improve your condition any faster and may cause or increase side effects.

### How long to use it for

SIGUENT HYCOR should be used as long as your doctor thinks it is necessary.

### If you forget to use it

Use it as soon as you remember and then return to your normal dosing time. If your next dose is almost due, leave using it until that time.

**Do not try to make up for missed doses by using more than one dose at a time.**

This may increase the chance of getting an unwanted side effect.

### If you accidentally swallow it.

**You should immediately:**

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

**You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You should also report any other medicine or alcohol which has been taken.**

## 5. What should I know while using SIGUENT HYCOR?

### Things you should do

- Tell your doctor if you feel it is not helping your condition.
- Tell your doctor if, for any reason, you have not used this medicine as prescribed.  
Otherwise, your doctor may think that it was not effective and change your treatment unnecessarily.
- If you develop any other eye condition such as injury, eye surgery or infections while using this medicine, seek your doctor's advice concerning the continued use.
- Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using SIGUENT HYCOR.

### Things you should not do

- Do not wear contact lenses while using SIGUENT HYCOR as it may increase the risk of infection.
- Do not give it to anyone else even though their symptoms seem like yours.
- Do not use it for other conditions unless your doctor tells you.  
SIGUENT HYCOR has been prescribed for you for a specific condition. If you use it for another reason, it may not work or may make the condition worse.
- Do not give this ointment to children unless specifically directed to by your doctor.

### Things to be careful of

**Do not use SIGUENT HYCOR for a long time.**

If you use it for longer than recommended or use more than the prescribed dose, the chances of absorption of the drug into the body and the chance of side effects increases.

### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how SIGUENT HYCOR affects you.**

SIGUENT HYCOR may temporarily blur vision after application.

### Looking after your medicine

- Keep SIGUENT HYCOR below 25°C.  
Do not store it:
  - in the bathroom or near a sink, or
  - in the car or on window sills.

**Keep it where young children cannot reach it.**

### When to discard your medicine

**Discard any remaining ointment 4 weeks from first using it.**

## Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

## 6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary blurred vision.</li></ul>	This side effect is common, especially after application of the medicine.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• burning, stinging, redness or watering of the eyes</li><li>• corneal thinning (resulting in decreased vision, watering of the eyes)</li><li>• cataracts</li><li>• glaucoma</li><li>• blurred vision.</li></ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b></p> <p>These side effects are uncommon to rare.</p>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• secondary eye infection</li><li>• sudden changes in vision.</li></ul>	<p><b>Call your doctor immediately or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possibility of absorption of hydrocortisone into the body. This may result in effects to the organs that regulate and maintain hormone levels in the body.</li></ul>	<p>Usually associated if this medicine is used for a long time.</p> <p>Your doctor will decide if there is a need for a</p>

	test to monitor the hormone levels in the blood.
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**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

### Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.**

## 7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

### What SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• hydrocortisone acetate 10 mg/g.</li></ul>
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• white soft paraffin</li><li>• liquid paraffin</li><li>• wool fat.</li></ul>

SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment does not contain any preservatives.

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What SIGUENT HYCOR looks like

SIGUENT HYCOR 1% eye ointment is a soft, yellowish-white sterile ointment with a faint odour of paraffin and lanolin. Available in a 5 g tube with an elongated nozzle.

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### Who distributes SIGUENT HYCOR

Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd  
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