

# OTOCOMB OTIC ear drops and 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 OTOCOMB OTIC?

OTOCOMB OTIC contains the active ingredients triamcinolone acetonide, neomycin (as sulfate), gramicidin and nystatin. OTOCOMB OTIC is used to relieve itching, burning, pain or inflammation of the outer ear and ear canal when it is infected or likely to be infected.

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

### 2. What should I know before I use OTOCOMB OTIC?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to OTOCOMB OTIC 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 OTOCOMB OTIC?](#) in the full CMI.

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

Some medicines may interfere with OTOCOMB OTIC 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 OTOCOMB OTIC?

*Ear drops:* Shake well before use. Squeeze two or three drops into the ear canal, two or three times daily. Alternatively, a gauze wick saturated with the drops may be inserted in the ear canal.

*Ointment:* Gently and carefully insert the tapered tip of the tube a short way into the ear canal and squeeze out the ointment, two or three times a day.

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

### 5. What should I know while using OTOCOMB OTIC?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor or pharmacist you visit that you are using OTOCOMB OTIC.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if your symptoms do not improve or they get worse.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using OTOCOMB OTIC.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not use this medicine to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tell you to.</li><li>• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same conditions as you.</li><li>• Do not use it in your eyes.</li><li>• Do not swallow it.</li><li>• Do not use OTOCOMB OTIC on damaged skin.</li></ul>
<b>Looking after your medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ear drops:</i> Store at 2-8°C in a refrigerator. Do not freeze.</li><li>• <i>Ointment:</i> Store below 25°C.</li></ul>

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

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects include mild itching, burning, dryness, skin rash and slow wound healing. Tell your doctor if you notice any ringing in the ears, balance problems, severe fluid retention or eye problems. Stop using this medicine if you notice any allergic reactions which can include shortness of breath, swelling or severe hives.

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.

# OTOCOMB OTIC ear drops and ointment

Active ingredients: triamcinolone acetonide, neomycin (as sulfate), gramicidin & nystatin

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using OTOCOMB OTIC. **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 OTOCOMB OTIC.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

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

## 1. Why am I using OTOCOMB OTIC?

OTOCOMB OTIC is available in either ear drops or ointment forms and is used to relieve itching, burning, pain or inflammation of the outer ear and ear canal when it is infected or likely to be infected. It contains a combination of medicines:

- triamcinolone acetonide, belongs to a class of drugs called corticosteroids, which helps to relieve itching, inflammation and redness;
- neomycin, is an antibacterial medicine;
- gramicidin, is an antibacterial medicine;
- nystatin, is an antifungal drug. It is used to prevent or treat a particular type of fungal infection called *Candida albicans*.

Your doctor will need to look inside your ears, especially at your eardrums and may have to clean your ears before prescribing this medicine.

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

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

OTOCOMB OTIC is only available on prescription from your doctor.

### Use in Children

OTOCOMB OTIC should be used carefully in children. Long term use can cause systemic side effects through absorption of OTOCOMB OTIC.

## 2. What should I know before I use OTOCOMB OTIC?

### Warnings

**Do not use OTOCOMB OTIC if you have an allergy to:**

- any medicine containing nystatin, neomycin, gramicidin, triamcinolone acetonide
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- shortness of breath
- wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.

**Do not use this medicine if you have any of the following medical conditions:**

- viral infections such as shingles, chicken pox or cold sores
- tuberculosis.

**Do not use OTOCOMB OTIC to treat a middle ear infection.**

**Do not use this medicine if your ear drums are perforated.**

**Do not use it in the eyes.**

**Do not use after the expiry date has passed.**

**Do not use OTOCOMB OTIC ear drops if the protective seal on the bottle has been broken.**

### Before you start to use it

**Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives and dyes.**

**Tell your doctor if you have extensive skin damage or other conditions where absorption of neomycin is possible.**

**Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.**

**Tell your doctor if you are breast feeding or plan to breast feed.**

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

**Tell your doctor if you or your family members have a mitochondrial mutation disease or loss of hearing due to antibiotic medicines.**

Certain mitochondrial mutations may increase your risk of hearing loss with this product.

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start to use OTOCOMB OTIC.**

### 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 and OTOCOMB OTIC may interfere with each other. Your doctor or pharmacist may have more information on which medicines to be careful with or to avoid while using OTOCOMB OTIC.

### 4. How do I use OTOCOMB OTIC?

OTOCOMB OTIC should only be used as directed by your doctor.

It is important that you always follow your doctor's instructions about how much OTOCOMB OTIC to use, how often you should use it and for how long.

#### How to apply it

##### *Ear drops:*

Shake well before use.

Squeeze two or three drops into the ear canal, two or three times daily. Alternatively, a gauze wick saturated with the drops may be inserted in the ear canal.

##### *Ointment:*

Gently and carefully insert the tapered tip of the tube a short way into the ear canal and squeeze out the ointment, two or three times a day.

The ointment can also be applied to the outer ear if required.

#### How long to use it

Your doctor will tell you how long you need to use OTOCOMB OTIC.

Even if symptoms improve within the first few days of treatment, you should not interrupt or stop OTOCOMB OTIC until the prescribed course of treatment has been completed.

### If you forget to use OTOCOMB OTIC

If you forget one or more applications, do not apply more than the usual amount to make up for the missed dose.

If you do, this may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

At the next application time, apply the normal amount and continue the course of treatment.

Tell your doctor if for any reason you have not used OTOCOMB OTIC exactly as prescribed.

### If you use too much OTOCOMB OTIC

If you think that you have used too much OTOCOMB OTIC, you may need urgent medical attention.

**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.**

### 5. What should I know while using OTOCOMB OTIC?

#### Things you should do

**Tell all doctors and pharmacists who are treating you that you are using OTOCOMB OTIC, especially if you are about to start taking any new medicines.**

**Tell your doctor if your symptoms do not improve or they get worse.**

**Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using OTOCOMB OTIC.**

#### Things you should not do

**Do not use OTOCOMB OTIC to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.**

**Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.**

**Do not use it in your eyes.**

**Do not swallow it.**

**Do not use OTOCOMB OTIC on damaged skin.**

## Looking after your medicine

### Ear drops:

Store at 2 - 8°C in a refrigerator. Do not freeze.

### Ointment:

Store below 25°C.

Keep it where young children cannot reach 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.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

## 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>itching, burning, dryness</li><li>irritation</li><li>excessive hair growth</li><li>spots that look like acne</li><li>skin rash</li><li>changes in the colour of the skin</li><li>stretch marks</li><li>slow wound healing.</li></ul>	<b>Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ringing in the ears</li><li>hearing difficulties</li><li>problems with your balance</li><li>severe fluid retention</li><li>passing less urine than normal</li><li>eye problems e.g. cataracts, glaucoma and blurred vision.</li></ul>	<b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects.</b>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>shortness of breath</li><li>wheezing or difficulty breathing</li><li>swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body</li><li>rash, itching or hives on the skin.</li></ul>	<b>Stop using OTOCOMB OTIC and tell your doctor immediately or go to the Accident and Emergency Centre at your nearest hospital if</b>

If you have any of these symptoms, you may be experiencing an allergic reaction to OTOCOMB OTIC and may need urgent medical attention.	<b>you notice any of the following.</b>
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## When used in children

Some of the side effects that may occur include:

- delayed weight gain and growth;
- headaches;
- bulging soft spots on skull.

**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. Some side effects of OTOCOMB OTIC can only be found when your doctor does tests from time to time to check your progress.

## 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 OTOCOMB OTIC contains

OTOCOMB OTIC is available either as ear drops or as an ointment.

#### Ear drops

<b>Active ingredients (main ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>triamcinolone acetonide 0.9 mg/mL</li><li>neomycin sulfate 2.25 mg/mL</li><li>gramicidin 0.225 mg/mL</li><li>nystatin 90,000 IU/mL.</li></ul>
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>plastibase 5W</li><li>plastibase 50W.</li></ul>

#### Ointment

<b>Active ingredients (main ingredients)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>triamcinolone acetonide 1 mg/g</li><li>neomycin sulfate 2.5 mg/g</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• gramicidin 0.25 mg/g</li><li>• nystatin 100,000 IU/g.</li></ul>
<b>Other ingredient (inactive ingredient)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• plastibase 50W.</li></ul>

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

### **What OTOCOMB OTIC looks like**

**Ear drops:** An oily yellow liquid in a plastic 7.5 mL bottle with a dropper nozzle (AUST R 56477)

**Ointment:** A yellow to amber coloured ointment in a 5 g tube with a tapered nozzle (AUST R 56460).

### **Who distributes OTOCOMB OTIC**

Aspen Pharmacare Australia Pty Ltd  
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