Lidocaine ear drops

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1. What are lidocaine ear drops and what are they used for?
Lidocaine ear drops are used for the treatment of painful ears. Lidocaine ear drops have anaesthetic properties and reduce the amount of fluid of the outer ear canal.

2. What you need to know before using lidocaine eardrops.
You should not be given Lidocaine eardrops if:
• You are allergic to lidocaine or other local anaesthetics
• You are allergic to any of the other ingredients of Lidocaine Injection
• You have acute porphyria (a blood disorder in which excessive blood pigment, porphyrin is excreted in the urine and you are extremely sensitive to light).
If any of the above applies to you, you should not be given Lidocaine eardrops.

Tell your doctor or dentist if you are taking any of the following medicines:
• Any medicines for a heart condition
• Medicines for high blood pressure (e.g. propanolol)
• Medicines for a stomach ulcer (e.g. cimetidine)
• Medicines for epilepsy, infections, depression, stomach ulcers or glaucoma
• Oral contraception or oral HRT
• You are taking any other medicine, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
If you are pregnant, in labour or breastfeeding, Lidocaine eardrops will only be given to you if your doctor considers that the benefit of treatment outweighs the risk to the developing baby or new-born baby. Lidocaine eardrops are hardly systematically absorbed and the risk that it will excreted in breast milk is low. It is unlikely that lidocaine eardrops have an effect on the unborn baby during pregnancy.

How Lidocaine eardrops are used
The usual dose is 3-5 drops in the outer ear canal of the affected ear every 2-4 hours. The maximum amount of drops is 6 per day for each ear. Do not use the Lidocaine eardrops for longer than 14 days without consulting a doctor. Warm the drops to near body temperature by holding the container in the palm of your hand for a few minutes. Tilt the affected ear up or lie on your side. Pull the ear backward and upward (or if giving to a child younger than 3 years of age, pull backward and downward) to open the ear canal.

Possible side effects
In some cases Lidocaine eardrops can cause a (local) hypersensitive reaction.

How to store lidocaine eardrops
Keep out of the reach and sight of children.
The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. Do not store above 25°C.
Keep vial in the outer carton to protect from light.