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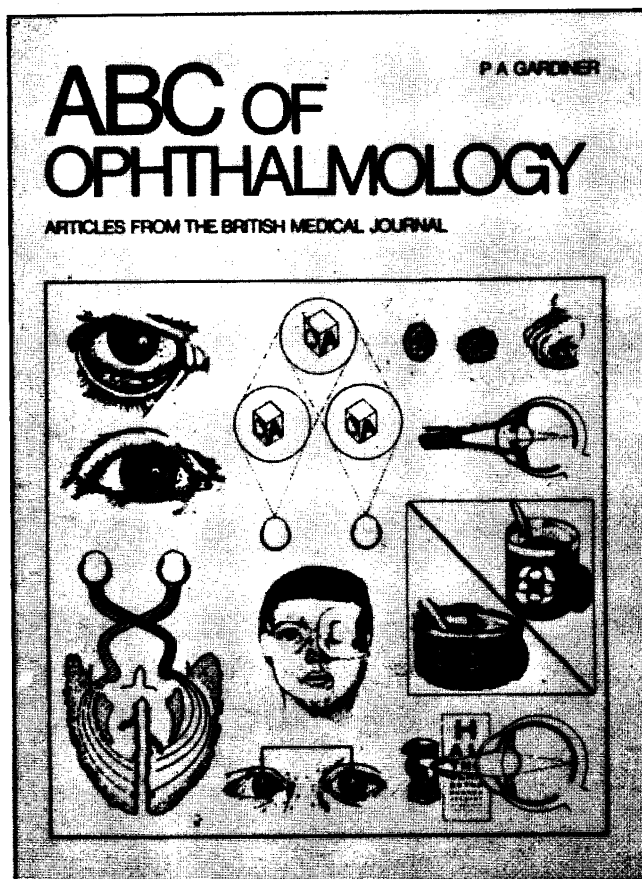
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Suppositories: Two inserted morning and night, the dose being gradually reduced after 3 weeks as improvement occurs.

Children: Reduce the adult dose on the basis of body weight.

Contra-Indications, Warnings etc.

Contra-Indications: Contra-indicated in sensitivity to salicylates and sulphonamides. Infants under 2 years.

Adverse Reaction: Side effects common to salicylates or sulphonamides may occur. Most commonly these are nausea, loss of appetite and raised temperature which may be relieved on reduction of dose, use of EN tablets or

suppositories. If serious reactions occur the drug should be discontinued.

Rarely the following adverse reactions have been reported

Haematological: eg. Heinz body anaemia, haemolytic anaemia leucopenia, agranulocytosis and aplastic anaemia

Hypersensitivity: eg. Rash, fever

Gastrointestinal: eg. Impaired folate uptake, stomatitis

C.N.S.: eg. Headache, peripheral neuropathy

Renal: eg. Proteinuria, crystalluria

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Precautions

Care in cases of porphyria, allergic, renal or hepatic disease, glucose 6-PD deficiency. Blood checks should be made initially and periodically.

Pregnancy

The benefit to risk ratio must be carefully evaluated when the drug is given during pregnancy.

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