

## **Cyclopentolate Eye Drops**

## **About**

Cyclopentolate eye drops are used by your Optometrist, Orthoptist and Ophthalmologist to dilate the pupil and relax the focusing muscles of the eye. This enables us to assess the need for glasses and decide upon the correct strength of lens. It also allows the Ophthalmologist to check that the inside of the eye is structurally normal and healthy.

The drops are instilled 3 times in intervals of approximately 10 minutes and the test is performed after 45 to 60 minutes from the time of first instillation. Phenylephrine Hydrochloride 2.5% may also be used if you/your child has dark coloured eyes.

The drops will blur your/your child's near vision and they may be a little light sensitive.

The effect lasts for a few hours but can, on occasion, last up to a maximum of 24 – 48 hours.