Bimatoprost 0.1mg/ml, eye drops, solution

Bimatoprost contains benzalkonium chloride

This medicine contains 0.2mg benzalkonium chloride in each ml of solution. Benzalkonium chloride may be absorbed by soft contact lenses and may change the colour of the contact lenses. You should remove your lenses before using this medicine and put them back 15 minutes afterwards.

Benzalkonium chloride may also cause eye irritation, especially if you have dry eyes or disorders of the cornea (the clear layer at the front of the eye). If you feel abnormal eye sensation, burning or pain in the eye after using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

Bimatoprost contains phosphate buffer

This medicine contains 0.95mg phosphates in each ml of solution. There is a risk of damage to the clear layer at the front of the eye (the cornea) if phosphates may cause in very rare cases cloudy patches on the cornea due to calcium build-up during treatment.

3. How to use Bimatoprost

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. This medicine should only be applied to the eye. The recommended dose is one drop of Bimatoprost in the evening, once daily in each eye that needs treatment.

If you use Bimatoprost with another eye medicine, wait at least five minutes between using Bimatoprost and the other eye medicine. Do not use more than once a day as the effectiveness of treatment may be reduced.

Instructions for use:
You must not use the bottle if the tamper-proof seal on the bottle is broken before you first used it.

• Take the bottle (picture 1) out of the carton.

• Gently pull down the lower eyelid until there is a small pocket (picture 3).

• Turn the bottle upside down and squeeze it to release one drop into the eye that needs treatment (picture 4).

• Let go of the lower lid and close your eye for 30 seconds (picture 5).

Wipe off any excess that runs down the cheek. If a drop misses your eye, try again.

To help prevent infections and avoid eye injury, do not let the tip of the bottle touch your eye or anything else. Put the bottle back in the carton and close the bottle straight after you have used it.

If you use more Bimatoprost than you should:
If you use more Bimatoprost than you should, it is unlikely to cause you any serious harm. Put your next dose in at the usual time. If you are worried, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

If you forget to use Bimatoprost:
If you forget to use Bimatoprost, use a single drop as soon as you remember, and then go back to your regular routine. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop using Bimatoprost:
Bimatoprost should be used for a long time to work properly. If you stop using Bimatoprost the pressure in your eye may go up, therefore talk to your doctor before stopping this treatment. If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

• Affecting the eye
  • Slight redness (up to 29% of people)

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

• Affecting the eye
  • Small breaks in the surface of the eye, with or without inflammation
  • Irritation
  • Itchy eyes
  • Longer eyelashes
  • Irritation, when a drop is put in the eye
  • Eye pain

• Affecting the skin
  • Red and itchy eyelids
  • Darker skin colour around the eye
• Hair growth around the eye
What Bimatoprost looks like and contents of the pack

Bimatoprost is a clear, colourless solution, free from visible particles in a white opaque low density polyethylene vial for eye drops containing 3mg of the ophthalmic solution sealed with a white opaque LDPE plug applicator and a white HDPE/LOPE cap with a tamper-proof seal. The following pack sizes are available: cartons containing 1 or 3 bottles of 3ml solution. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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