

ISOPTO CARPINE EYE DROP

Pilocarpine Hydrochloride (2% w/v)

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What Isopto Carpine is used for

Isopto Carpine ophthalmic solution is used to control pressure in the eyes in glaucoma.

How Isopto Carpine works

Isopto Carpine ophthalmic solution works by causing the pupil of the eye to shrink and decreasing the amount of fluid within the eye.

Before you use Isopto Carpine

- When you must not use it

Do not use Isopto Carpine

- If you are allergic to pilocarpine or any of the other ingredients of Isopto Carpine.
- If you have inflammation of the eye.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, you think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby or breast-feed, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using Isopto Carpine.

Older people (65 years of age or above)

You can use Isopto Carpine if you are aged 65 years or over at the same dose as younger adults.

- Before you start to use it

Warnings and precautions

If any of these applies to you, tell your doctor or pharmacist before taking Isopto Carpine:

- If you have had a detached retina.
- If you are young and near-sighted (myopic).

- If you have any damage to your cornea or other parts of your eye
- If you have problems with the outflow of aqueous humour (liquid inside the eye)
- If you have heart problems or recent heart attack
- If you have blood pressure disorder
- If you have asthma
- If you have inability or difficulty urinating
- If you have stomach ulcers, or gastrointestinal spasm
- If you have overactive thyroid
- If you have Parkinson's disease

If you wear contact lenses

You should remove contact lenses (hard or soft) before using Isopto Carpine and wait at least 15 minutes before putting your lenses back in. A preservative in Isopto Carpine (benzalkonium chloride) may cause eye irritation and is also known to discolor soft contact lenses.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Do not exceed the recommended dose prescribed by your doctor or healthcare provider.

How to use Isopto Carpine

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or healthcare provider has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- How much to use

2 drops topically in the eye(s) 3 times daily or as directed by a physician.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue using Isopto Carpine for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

If you forget to use Isopto Carpine continue with the next dose as planned.

However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not use a double dose to make up.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If you use more Isopto Carpine than you should, rinse it all out with warm water. Do not put in any more drops until it is time for your next regular dose. In case of accidental ingestion, contact a doctor. Possible symptoms of overdose may include: headache, salivation, sweating, fainting, slow heart rate, decreased blood pressure, abdominal cramps, vomiting, asthma and diarrhea.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

If you are using other eye drop or eye ointment medicines, leave at least 5 minutes between each medicine. Eye ointments should be administered last.

After the cap is removed, if the tamper evident snap collar is loose, remove before using product.

To avoid contamination, the dropper tip should not touch any surface. The dropper tip should also not come into contact with the eye as this may cause injury to the eye.

Only use Isopto Carpine for dropping in your eye(s).

After using Isopto Carpine, close your eyelids and press a finger into the corner of your eye, next to your nose for 2 minutes. This helps to stop Isopto Carpine getting into the rest of the body.

If a drop misses your eye, try again.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give Isopto Carpine to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

Isopto Carpine have a major influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Isopto Carpine may cause blurred vision and difficulty in dark adaption.

Do not drive or use machines until this effect has worn off.

Side effects

As with all medicines, patients treated with Isopto Carpine may experience side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If you experience any of these side effects, tell your doctor, pharmacist, or healthcare provider.

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Effects in the eye: blurred vision
- General side effects: headache

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Effects in the eye: appearance of spots in your vision, reduced vision clarity, eye pain, flashes of lights, eye irritation, redness of the eye
- General side effects: dizziness, nausea

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Effects in the eye: retinal tear, bleeding inside the eye, detachment of the fluid inside the eye, eyelid swelling, decrease in pupil size, glare, abnormal sensation in the eye

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers→ Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of Isopto Carpine

- Storage

- Store below 30°C.

- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the packaging.
- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

Sterile eye solution.

Practically clear, colourless to pale yellow solution in 15ml bottle.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
2% w/v pilocarpine hydrochloride
- Inactive ingredients
Benzalkonium chloride, boric acid, sodium citrate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydrochloric acid and / or sodium hydroxide (to adjust pH), purified water.

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