

ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS)

Dorzolamide 2% and Timolol 0.5%

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What ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) is used for

ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) is comprised of two components. Dorzolamide hydrochloride and Timolol maleate.

Dorzolamide belongs to a group of medicines called "carbonic anhydrase inhibitors".

Timolol belongs to a group of medicines called "beta blockers"

How ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) works

Each of these two components decrease elevated intraocular pressure, whether or not associated with glaucoma, by reducing aqueous humor secretion.

Before you use ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS)

When you must not use it

- if you are allergic to dorzolamide or timolol or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you have now or had in the past respiratory problems, such as asthma or severe chronic obstructive bronchitis (severe lung disease which may cause wheeziness, difficulty in breathing and/or long-standing cough).

- if you have a slow heart beat, heart failure or disorders of heart rhythm (irregular heart beats).
- if you have severe kidney disease or problems, or a prior history of kidney stones
- if you have excess acidity of the blood caused by a build up of chloride in the blood (hyperchloraemic acidosis).

If you are not sure whether you should use this medicine, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Pregnancy and lactation

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Use in pregnancy

Do not use ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) during pregnancy unless your doctor considers it necessary.

Use in breast-feeding

Do not use ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) if you are breast-feeding. Timolol may get into your milk. Ask your doctor for advice before taking any medicine during breast-feeding.

- Before you start to use it

- Taking other medicines

ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) can affect or be affected by other medicines you are using, including other eye drops for the treatment of glaucoma. Tell your doctor if you are using or intend to use any other medicine to lower blood pressure, heart medicines or medicines to treat diabetes. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines. This is particularly important if you are:

- taking medicine to lower blood pressure or to treat heart disease (such as calcium channel blockers and beta-blockers or digoxin).
- taking medicines to treat a disturbed or irregular heartbeat such as calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers or digoxin.
- using another eye drop that contains a beta-blocker.
- taking another carbonic anhydrase inhibitor such as acetazolamide.

- taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs are usually used to treat depression.).
- taking a parasympathomimetic medicine which may have been prescribed to help you pass urine. Parasympathomimetics are a particular type of medicine which are sometimes used to help restore normal movements through the bowel.
- taking narcotics such as morphine used to treat moderate to severe pain.
- taking medicines to treat diabetes.
- taking antidepressants known as fluoxetine and paroxetine.
- taking a sulfa medicine.
- taking quinidine (used to treat heart conditions and some types of malaria).

How to use ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS)

How much to use

The appropriate dosage and duration of treatment will be established by your doctor. The recommended dose is one drop in the affected eye(s) two times a day, for example in the morning and in the evening. If you are using this medicine with another eye drop, the drops should be instilled at least 10 minutes apart. Do not change the dose of the medicine without consulting your doctor. Do not allow the tip of the container to touch the eye or areas around the eye. It may become contaminated with bacteria that can cause eye infections leading to serious damage of the eye, even loss of vision. To avoid possible contamination of the container, wash your hands before using this medicine and keep the tip of the container away from contact with any surface. If you think your medication may be contaminated, or if you develop an eye infection, contact your doctor immediately concerning continued use of this bottle.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue taking ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

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It is important to take this medicine as prescribed by your doctor. If you miss a dose, use it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the forgotten dose.

- **If you use too much (overdose)**

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

- **Things you must do**

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS)

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- **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.

Do not give ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- **Things to be careful of**

Driving and using machines:

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive or use machines have been performed. There are side effects associated with ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS), such as blurred vision,

which may affect your ability to drive and/or operate machinery. Do not drive or operate machinery until you feel well or your vision is clear.

Side effects

The following side effects have been reported with Zolamidol.

Very Common: Burning and stinging of eyes, Dysgeusia (distortion of the sense of taste)

Common: Conjunctival infection, Blurred vision, Corneal erosion (damage to the front layer of the eyeball), Ocular itching, Tearing, Sinusitis (feeling of tension or fullness in the nose).

Uncommon: Urolithias (kidney stones)

Rare : Signs and symptoms of systemic allergic reactions, including angioedema, urticarial (hives), pruritus (Chronic itchy skin), rash, anaphylaxis, Shortness of breath, Respiratory failure, Rhinitis (coryza), Bronchospasm, Contact dermatitis, Stevens- Johnson syndrome, Toxic epidermal necrolysis

Like all medicines, ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS) can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835490, or visiting the website portal.npra.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

Storage and Disposal of ZOLAMIDOL (DORZOLAMIDE 2% + TIMOLOL 0.5% EYE DROPS)

- **Storage**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children. Store below 30 °C.

- **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**

Clear, colorless to nearly colorless, slightly viscous solution.

- **Ingredients**

- Active ingredient(s)
Dorzolamide Hydrochloride 22.3 mg Equivalent to Dorzolamide 20 mg
Timolol Maleate 6.83 mg equivalent Timolol 5 mg.

- **Inactive ingredients**

- Hydroxy Ethyl Cellulose
a) Natrosol 250 HX Pharm.
b) Natrosol 250 HHX Pharm.

- Mannitol (Pearlitol 160C)

- Sodium Citrate

- Benzalkonium Chloride

- Sodium Hydroxide

- Water For Injection

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