

Xalapro 0.005% w/v Eye Drops

Latanoprost 50mcg/ml

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What Xalapro is used for

Xalapro is used to lower raised pressure in the eye and to treat glaucoma.

How Xalapro works

Xalapro contains the active ingredient called latanoprost.

It lowers the pressure in the eye by allowing more fluid to flow out from within your eye.

Although Xalapro helps control your glaucoma, it does not cure it. So you must keep using it until your doctor tells you to stop.

Xalapro is used, either alone or in combination with other eye medicines, to lower raised pressure within your eye.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription. It is not addictive.

Before you use Xalapro

- When you must not use it

Do not use this medicine if you have an allergy to:

- latanoprost, the active ingredient
- any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering. If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits involved.

Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding or plan to breast-feed. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits of breastfeeding while using Xalapro.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and Xalapro may interfere with each other. These include some other eye drops that contain prostaglandin. The use of two or more prostaglandin eye drops at the same time is not recommended.

How to use Xalapro

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the pack, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

- How much to use

The usual dose of Xalapro is one drop into the affected eye, or eyes, once daily.

- When to use it

Use Xalapro every day, at about the same time each day, preferably in the evening, unless your doctor tells you otherwise.

Using your eye drops at the same time each day will have the best effect on your eye pressure. It will also help you remember when to use the eye drops.

- How long to use it

Continue using Xalapro for as long as your doctor recommends.

Xalapro helps control your condition, but does not cure it.

- If you forget to use it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed. This may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much Xalapro.

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

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are using Xalapro.

If you become pregnant while taking Xalapro, tell your doctor.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are using Xalapro.

- Things you must not do

Do not take Xalapro to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Xalapro affects you.

This medicine may cause short time blurred vision in some people.

Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of taking this medicine.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Some of the common side effects include:

- a slow change in eye colour over a period of time. The iris may become browner in colour and appear darker. This change may be permanent and more noticeable if you are only being treated in one eye
- irritation of the eye or eye pain
- darkening, thickening, lengthening or an increase in the number of eye lashes and the fine hair on the eyelids

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

Storage and Disposal of Xalapro

- Storage

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take them.

Before opening Xalapro, keep the bottle in its box in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C) protected from light.

After opening Xalapro, keep the bottle in its box in a cool place where the temperature stays below 25°C, but do not refrigerate. Keep the box properly closed and protected from light.

Do not store your medicine, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

- Disposal

Write the date on the bottle when you open the eye drops and throw out any remaining solution after four weeks.

Open a new bottle every 4 weeks.

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking this medicine or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Product Description

- What it looks like

Xalapro eye drops come in a plastic bottle with a dropper and screw cap. The solution is clear, colourless liquid.

- **Ingredients**

Active ingredient:

- Latanoprost

Inactive ingredients:

- benzalkonium chloride (as a preservative).
- sodium chloride
- disodium phosphate anhydrous
- sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate
- sodium hydroxide solution (for adjustment to pH 6.7)
- hydrochloric acid solution (for adjustment to pH 6.7)
- water for injection

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