

Combi-Prost Eye Drops

Latanoprost 50mcg/ml and timolol (as timolol maleate) 5mg/ml

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What Combi-Prost is used for

Combi-Prost is used to lower the pressure in your eye, if you have conditions known as open angle glaucoma and eye pressure is high, but does not work with eye drops which is contains beta-blockers (e.g. timolol).

How Combi-Prost works

Combi-Prost contains two active ingredient called Latanoprost and timolol(as timolol maleate).

Latanoprost allows more fluid to flow out from within your eye. Timolol lowers the pressure in the eye by reducing the production of fluid.

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

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.

Combi-Prost is not recommended for use in children. The safety and effectiveness of Combi-Prost in children have not been established.

Before you use Combi-Prost

- When you must not use it

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

- The active ingredients, Latanoprost and timolol
- any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

Do not use Combi-Prost if you have:

- asthma or a history of asthma or other breathing problems
- certain heart conditions, such as a very slow heart rate, an irregular heart beat or heart failure

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.

Do not take Combi-Prost if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits involved.

Do not take Combi-Prost if you are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits of breastfeeding while using Combi-Prost.

- 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 plan to have surgery as timolol may change effects of some medicines used during anaesthesia.

- 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 Combi-Prost may interfere with each other. These include:

- Certain medicines used to treat high blood pressure or heart conditions such as beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers or digoxin
- Certain medicines used to treat irregular heartbeats such as amiodarone
- Some medicines used to treat depression, such as quinidine, fluoxetine or paroxetine
- Adrenaline, a hormone used in the treatment of asthma, slow or irregular heartbeat, acute allergic disorders and glaucoma
- 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 Combi-Prost

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 Combi-Prost for adult (including elderly) is one drop into the affected eye, or eyes, once daily.

- When to use it

Use Combi-Prost 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.

If you wear contact lens, you should remove them before using Combi-Prost. After using Combi-Prost you should wait 15 minutes before putting your contact lenses back in.

- How long to use it

Continue using Combi-Prost for as long as your doctor recommends.

Combi-Prost helps control your condition, but does not cure it.

- If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it. Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. 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)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much Combi-Prost.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Taking too many tablets may cause slow heart beat (bradycardia), low blood pressure (hypertension), sudden difficulty to breathe (bronchospasm), heart attack (cardiac arrest), irritation of the eye and eye redness (conjunctival hyperaemia)

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 who are treating you that you are using Combi-Prost.

If you become pregnant while taking Combi-Prost, tell your doctor.

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

- Things you must not do

Do not take Combi-Prost 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 Combi-Prost affects you.

This medicine may cause blurred vision in some people. If this happens to you, do not drive or operating machinery until your vision becomes clear again.

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.
- 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 visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers
→ Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of Combi-Prost

- Storage

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

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

After opening Combi-Prost, 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 out of reach and signal of children.

- 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 how to dispose of medicine that is left over. These measures will help to protect the environment because medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste

Product Description

- What it looks like

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

- Ingredients

Active ingredients:

- Latanoprost
- Timolol (as timolol maleate)

Inactive ingredients:

- benzalkonium chloride (as preservative)
- sodium chloride
- sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate
- Disodium phosphate anhydrous
- Sodium hydroxide solution (for adjustment to pH 6.0)
- Hydrochloride acid solution (for adjustment to pH 6.0)
- water for injection

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