

- ▶ **Frequency not known** Arthralgia · dizziness · headache · myalgia · ophthalmic herpes simplex · palpitations
- **PREGNANCY** Manufacturer advises avoid.
- **BREAST FEEDING** May be present in milk—manufacturer advises avoid.
- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Although multi-dose latanoprost eye drops commonly contain preservatives, preservative-free unit dose vials may be available.
- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE**
Changes in eye colour Before initiating treatment, patients should be warned of a possible change in eye colour as an increase in the brown pigment in the iris can occur, which may be permanent; particular care is required in those with mixed coloured irides and those receiving treatment to one eye only. Changes in eyelashes and vellus hair can also occur, and patients should also be advised to avoid repeated contact of the eye drop solution with skin as this can lead to hair growth or skin pigmentation.
- **NATIONAL FUNDING/ACCESS DECISIONS**
MONOPOST®
Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) decisions
The *Scottish Medicines Consortium* has advised (July 2013) that *Monopost®* is accepted for restricted use within NHS Scotland for the reduction of elevated intra-ocular pressure in patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension who have proven sensitivity to benzalkonium chloride.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

Eye drops

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Benzalkonium chloride

▶ **Latanoprost (Non-proprietary)****Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml** Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml eye drops | 2.5 ml [PoM] £12.48 DT = £4.05▶ **Medizol** (Medicom Healthcare Ltd)**Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml** Medizol 0.005% eye drops | 2.5 ml [PoM] DT = £4.05▶ **Monopost** (Thea Pharmaceuticals Ltd)**Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml** Monopost 50micrograms/ml eye drops 0.2ml unit dose | 30 unit dose [PoM] £8.49 DT = £8.49 | 90 unit dose [PoM] £25.47 DT = £25.47▶ **Xalatan** (Upjohn UK Ltd)**Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml** Xalatan 50micrograms/ml eye drops | 2.5 ml [PoM] £12.48 DT = £4.05**Latanoprost with timolol**

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The properties listed below are those particular to the combination only. For the properties of the components please consider, latanoprost p. 1247, timolol maleate p. 1244.

● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Raised intra-ocular pressure in patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension when beta-blocker or prostaglandin analogue alone not adequate

▶ TO THE EYE

▶ Adult: Apply once daily

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: beta blockers, non-selective
- **NATIONAL FUNDING/ACCESS DECISIONS**

Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) decisions

SMC No. SMC2159

The *Scottish Medicines Consortium* has advised (May 2019) that latanoprost with timolol (*Fixapost®*) is accepted for use within NHS Scotland for the reduction of intra-ocular pressure in patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension who are insufficiently responsive to topical beta-blockers or prostaglandin analogues, and have proven sensitivity to preservatives.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

Eye drops

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Benzalkonium chloride

▶ **Latanoprost with timolol (Non-proprietary)****Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml, Timolol (as Timolol maleate) 5 mg per 1 ml** Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops | 2.5 ml [PoM] £14.32 DT = £4.90▶ **Fixapost** (Thea Pharmaceuticals Ltd)**Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml, Timolol (as Timolol maleate) 5 mg per 1 ml** Fixapost 50micrograms/ml / 5mg/ml eye drops 0.2ml unit dose | 30 unit dose [PoM] £13.49 DT = £13.49▶ **Medox** (Medicom Healthcare Ltd)**Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml, Timolol (as Timolol maleate) 5 mg per 1 ml** Medox 50micrograms/ml / 5mg/ml eye drops | 2.5 ml [PoM] DT = £4.90▶ **Xalacom** (Upjohn UK Ltd)**Latanoprost 50 microgram per 1 ml, Timolol (as Timolol maleate) 5 mg per 1 ml** Xalacom eye drops | 2.5 ml [PoM] £14.32 DT = £4.90**Tafuprost**

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● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

Raised intra-ocular pressure in open-angle glaucoma | Ocular hypertension

▶ TO THE EYE

▶ Adult: Apply once daily, to be administered preferably in the evening

- **CAUTIONS** Angle-closure glaucoma (no experience of use) · aphakia · asthma · congenital glaucoma (no experience of use) · contact lens wearers · inflammatory ocular conditions (no experience of use) · narrow-angle glaucoma (no experience of use) · neovascular glaucoma (no experience of use) · pseudophakia with torn posterior lens capsule or anterior chamber lenses · risk factors for cataract macular oedema · risk factors for iritis · risk factors for uveitis
- **SIDE-EFFECTS**
 - ▶ **Common or very common** Dry eye · eye discolouration · eye discomfort · eye disorders · eye inflammation · headache · vision disorders
 - ▶ **Uncommon** Hypertrichosis
 - ▶ **Frequency not known** Asthma exacerbated · dyspnoea
- **PREGNANCY** Manufacturer advises avoid unless potential benefit outweighs risk—toxicity in *animal* studies.
- **BREAST FEEDING** Manufacturer advises avoid—present in milk in *animal* studies.
- **HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT** Manufacturer advises caution (no information available).
- **RENAL IMPAIRMENT** Use with caution—no information available.
- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Although multi-dose tafuprost eye drops commonly contain preservatives, preservative-free unit dose vials may be available.
- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE**
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