

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: effervescent tablet, granules, eye drops

**Eye drops**

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Benzalkonium chloride, disodium edetate

- ▶ **Ilube** (Rayner Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

**Acetylcysteine 50 mg per 1 ml** Ilube 5% eye drops | 10 ml [PoM]  
£16.90 DT = £16.90

## Carbomers

**(Polyacrylic acid)**• **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Dry eyes including keratoconjunctivitis sicca, unstable tear film**

- ▶ TO THE EYE
- ▶ Child: Apply 3–4 times a day or when required

- **UNLICENSED USE** Some preparations not licensed for use in children.

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Synthetic high molecular weight polymers of acrylic acid cross-linked with either allyl ethers of sucrose or allyl ethers of pentaerythryl.

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**Eye gel**

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- ▶ **Blephagel** (Thea Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

**Carbomer 3.6 mg per 1 gram** Blephagel 0.36% eye gel preservative free | 30 gram £7.53

- ▶ **Liquivisc** (Thea Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

**Carbomer 974P 2.5 mg per 1 gram** Liquivisc 0.25% eye gel | 10 gram [P] £4.50 DT = £4.50

**Eye drops**

- ▶ **GelTears** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)

**Carbomer 980 2 mg per 1 gram** GelTears 0.2% gel | 10 gram [P] £2.80 DT = £2.80

- ▶ **Viscotears** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)

**Carbomer 980 2 mg per 1 gram** Viscotears 2mg/g liquid gel | 10 gram [P] £1.59 DT = £2.80  
Viscotears 2mg/g eye gel 0.6ml unit dose | 30 unit dose [P] £5.42 DT = £5.42

## Carmellose sodium

• **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Dry eye conditions**

- ▶ TO THE EYE
- ▶ Child: Apply as required

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Some preparations are contained units which are resealable and may be used for up to 12 hours.

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**Eye drops**

- ▶ **Carmellose sodium (Non-proprietary)**

Carmellose 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49  
Evolve Carmellose 0.5% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £4.99

- ▶ **Carmellose** (Aspire Pharma Ltd, Medicom Healthcare Ltd)

PF Drops Carmellose 0.5% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £7.49  
PF Drops Carmellose 1% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £7.49  
Lumecare Advance Carmellose 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £6.05

- ▶ **Carmize** (Aspire Pharma Ltd)

Carmize 1% eye drops | 10 ml £8.49  
Carmize 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49

- ▶ **Cellusan** (Farmigee S.p.A.)

Cellusan 1% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £4.80  
Cellusan Light 0.5% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £4.80

- ▶ **Celluvisc** (Allergan Ltd)

Celluvisc 1% eye drops 0.4ml unit dose | 30 unit dose [P] £3.00 DT = £3.00 | 60 unit dose [P] £10.99

**Carmellose sodium 5 mg per 1 ml** Celluvisc 0.5% eye drops 0.4ml unit dose | 30 unit dose [P] £4.80 DT = £4.80 | 90 unit dose [P] £15.53

- ▶ **Ocu-Lube Carmellose** (Sai-Meds Ltd)

Ocu-Lube Carmellose 0.5% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £7.49  
Ocu-Lube Carmellose 1% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £7.49

- ▶ **Ophtho-Lique** (Essential-Healthcare Ltd)

Ophtho-Lique 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £3.73  
Ophtho-Lique Forte 1% eye drops | 10 ml £3.97

- ▶ **Optive** (Allergan Ltd)

Optive 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49

- ▶ **Optive Plus** (Allergan Ltd)

Optive Plus 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49

- ▶ **Tearvis** (Sai-Meds Ltd)

Tearvis 1% eye drops | 10 ml £8.49  
Tearvis 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49

## Hydroxyethylcellulose

• **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Tear deficiency**

- ▶ TO THE EYE
- ▶ Child: Apply as required

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Although multi-dose hydroxyethylcellulose eye drops commonly contain preservatives, preservative-free unit dose vials may be available.

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**Eye drops**

- ▶ **Artificial tears** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)

**Hydroxyethylcellulose 4.4 mg per 1 ml** Minims artificial tears 0.44% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose | 20 unit dose [P] £9.33 DT = £9.33

## Hydroxypropyl guar with polyethylene glycol and propylene glycol

(Formulated as an ocular lubricant)

• **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Dry eye conditions**

- ▶ TO THE EYE
- ▶ Child: Apply as required

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** No licensed medicines listed.

## Hypromellose

• **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Tear deficiency**

- ▶ TO THE EYE
- ▶ Child: Apply as required

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Although multi-dose hypromellose eye drops commonly contain preservatives, preservative-free unit dose vials may be available.

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**Eye drops**

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- ▶ **Hypromellose (Non-proprietary)**

**Hypromellose 3 mg per 1 ml** Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops | 10 ml [P] £1.21 DT = £1.45 | 10 ml £0.99 DT = £1.45