

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

Eye drops

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Benzalkonium chloride, disodium edetate

- ▶ **Alomide** (Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd)
Lodoxamide (as Lodoxamide trometamol) 1 mg per 1 ml Alomide 0.1% eye drops | 10 ml [PoM] £5.21 DT = £5.21

Nedocromil sodium

25-Jul-2018

● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Seasonal and perennial conjunctivitis**

▶ TO THE EYE

- ▶ Child 6–17 years: Apply twice daily, increased if necessary to 4 times a day, max.12 weeks duration of treatment for seasonal allergic conjunctivitis

Seasonal keratoconjunctivitis

▶ TO THE EYE

- ▶ Child 6–17 years: Apply 4 times a day

● **SIDE-EFFECTS**

- ▶ **Common or very common** Eye discomfort · eye strain · taste altered

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

Sodium cromoglicate

25-Jul-2018

(Sodium cromoglycate)● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Allergic conjunctivitis | Seasonal keratoconjunctivitis**

▶ TO THE EYE

- ▶ Child: Apply 4 times a day

- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Eye stinging

- **EXCEPTIONS TO LEGAL CATEGORY** Sodium cromoglicate 2% eye drops can be sold to the public (in max. pack size of 10 mL) for treatment of acute seasonal and perennial allergic conjunctivitis.

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- ▶ **Sodium cromoglicate (Non-proprietary)**

Sodium cromoglicate 20 mg per 1 ml Sodium cromoglicate 2% eye drops | 13.5 ml [PoM] £10.13 DT = £10.09

- ▶ **Opticrom** (Sanofi)

Sodium cromoglicate 20 mg per 1 ml Opticrom Aqueous 2% eye drops | 13.5 ml [PoM] £8.03 DT = £10.09**1.2 Inflammatory eye conditions****Other drugs used for inflammatory eye conditions**

Adalimumab, p. 665

CORTICOSTEROIDS

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Betamethasone

21-Dec-2017

- **DRUG ACTION** Betamethasone has very high glucocorticoid activity and insignificant mineralocorticoid activity.

● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Local treatment of inflammation (short-term)**

▶ TO THE EYE USING EYE DROP

- ▶ Child: Apply every 1–2 hours until controlled then reduce frequency

▶ TO THE EYE USING EYE OINTMENT

- ▶ Child: Apply 2–4 times a day, alternatively apply at night when used in combination with eye drops

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids

- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Vision disorders

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Ear/eye/nose drops solution

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- ▶ **Betnesol** (RPH Pharmaceuticals AB)

Betamethasone sodium phosphate 1 mg per 1 ml Betnesol 0.1% eye/ear/nose drops | 10 ml [PoM] £2.32 DT = £2.32

- ▶ **Vistamethasone** (Martindale Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

Betamethasone sodium phosphate 1 mg per 1 ml Vistamethasone 0.1% ear/eye/nose drops | 5 ml [PoM] £1.02 | 10 ml [PoM] £1.16 DT = £2.32**Eye ointment**

- ▶ **Betamethasone (Non-proprietary)**

Betamethasone sodium phosphate 1 mg per 1 gram Betamethasone 0.1% eye ointment | 3 gram [PoM] £3.48 DT = £1.41Combinations available: *Betamethasone with neomycin*, p. 693

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Dexamethasone

21-Dec-2017

- **DRUG ACTION** Dexamethasone has very high glucocorticoid activity and insignificant mineralocorticoid activity.

● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Local treatment of inflammation (short-term)**

▶ TO THE EYE USING EYE DROP

- ▶ Child: Apply 4–6 times a day

Short term local treatment of inflammation (severe conditions)

▶ TO THE EYE USING EYE DROP

- ▶ Child: Apply every 30–60 minutes until controlled, reduce frequency when control achieved

- **UNLICENSED USE** *Maxidex*® not licensed for use in children under 2 years. *Dropdex*® not licensed for use in children.

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids

- **SIDE-EFFECTS**

- ▶ **Common or very common** Eye discomfort

- ▶ **Uncommon** Photophobia · taste altered

- **PREGNANCY** Dexamethasone readily crosses the placenta.

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

- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE**

Medicines for Children leaflet: Dexamethasone for croup

www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/dexamethasone-croup-0

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

Dexamethasone sodium phosphate 1 mg per 1 ml Minims dexamethasone 0.1% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose | 20 unit dose [PoM] £11.46 DT = £11.46

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

Dexamethasone sodium phosphate 1 mg per 1 ml Dexafree 1mg/1ml eye drops 0.4ml unit dose | 30 unit dose [PoM] £9.70

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

Dexamethasone sodium phosphate 1 mg per 1 ml Dropdex 0.1% eye drops 0.4ml unit dose | 20 unit dose [PoM] £10.48 DT = £10.48