

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

#### Eye drops

- ▶ **Saline** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)

Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml Minims saline 0.9% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose | 20 unit dose [P] £7.43 DT = £7.43

## Sodium hyaluronate

### • INDICATIONS AND DOSE

#### Dry eye conditions

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

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

Although multi-dose sodium hyaluronate eye drops commonly contain preservatives, preservative-free unit dose vials may be available.

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- ▶ **Artelac Rebalance** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)  
Artelac Rebalance 0.15% eye drops | 10 ml £4.00
- ▶ **Artelac Splash** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)  
Artelac Splash 0.2% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose | 30 unit dose £7.00 | 60 unit dose £11.20
- ▶ **Blink Intensive** (AMO UK Ltd)  
Blink Intensive Tears 0.2% eye drops 0.4ml unit dose | 20 unit dose £2.97  
Blink Intensive Tears 0.2% eye drops | 10 ml £2.97
- ▶ **Clinitas** (Altacor Ltd)  
Clinitas Multi 0.4% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £6.99  
Clinitas 0.4% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose | 30 unit dose £5.70
- ▶ **Evolve HA** (Medicom Healthcare Ltd)  
Evolve HA 0.2% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £5.99
- ▶ **Hy-Opti** (Alissa Healthcare Research Ltd)  
Hy-Opti 0.1% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £8.50  
Hy-Opti 0.2% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £9.50
- ▶ **Hyabak** (Thea Pharmaceuticals Ltd)  
Hyabak 0.15% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £7.99
- ▶ **Hycosan** (Scope Ophthalmics Ltd)  
Hycosan Extra 0.2% eye drops | 7.5 ml [X]  
Hycosan 0.1% eye drops | 7.5 ml [X]
- ▶ **HydraMed** (Farmigee S.p.A.)  
HydraMed 0.2% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £5.60  
HydraMed 0.2% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose preservative free | 30 unit dose £5.60
- ▶ **Hylo-Comod** (Scope Ophthalmics Ltd)  
Hylo-Tear 0.1% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £8.50  
Hylo-Forte 0.2% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £9.50
- ▶ **Hylo-Fresh** (Scope Ophthalmics Ltd)  
Hylo-Fresh 0.03% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £4.95
- ▶ **Lubristil** (Rayner Pharmaceuticals Ltd)  
Lubristil 0.15% eye drops 0.3ml unit dose preservative free | 20 unit dose £4.99
- ▶ **Ocu-Lube HA** (Sai-Meds Ltd)  
Ocu-Lube HA 0.1% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £8.00
- ▶ **Ocusan** (Agepha Pharma s.r.o.)  
Ocusan 0.2% eye drops 0.5ml unit dose | 20 unit dose £5.41
- ▶ **Optive Fusion** (Allergan Ltd)  
Optive Fusion 0.1% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49
- ▶ **Oxyal** (Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd)  
Oxyal 0.15% eye drops | 10 ml £4.15
- ▶ **Vismed** (TRB Chemidica (UK) Ltd)  
Vismed Gel Multi 0.3% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £8.01  
Vismed Multi 0.18% eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £6.87  
Vismed 0.18% eye drops 0.3ml unit dose preservative free | 20 unit dose £5.14
- ▶ **Xailin HA** (Visufarma UK Ltd)  
Xailin HA 0.2% eye drops | 10 ml £7.26

#### Eye gel

- ▶ **Lubristil** (Rayner Pharmaceuticals Ltd)  
Lubristil 0.15% eye gel 0.4ml unit dose preservative free | 20 unit dose £6.49
- ▶ **Vismed** (TRB Chemidica (UK) Ltd)  
Vismed Gel 0.3% eye gel 0.45ml unit dose preservative free | 20 unit dose £6.03

## Sodium hyaluronate and trehalose

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### • INDICATIONS AND DOSE

#### Dry eye conditions

- ▶ TO THE EYE
- ▶ Child: Apply 1 drop 4–6 times a day

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Sodium hyaluronate and trehalose preparations do not contain preservatives; multi-dose preparation can be used for up to 3 months.

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- ▶ **Thealoz Duo** (Thea Pharmaceuticals Ltd)  
Thealoz Duo eye drops preservative free | 10 ml £8.99  
Thealoz Duo UD eye drops 0.4ml unit dose preservative free | 30 unit dose £6.99

## Soybean oil

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- ▶ Child: Apply up to 4 times a day

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#### Eye drops

- ▶ **Emustil** (Rayner Pharmaceuticals Ltd)  
Emustil eye drops 0.3ml unit dose preservative free | 20 unit dose £6.22

## 3 Eye infections

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Most acute superficial eye infections can be treated topically. Blepharitis and conjunctivitis are often caused by staphylococci; keratitis and endophthalmitis may be bacterial, viral, or fungal.

Bacterial *blepharitis* is treated by lid hygiene and application of antibacterial eye drops to the conjunctival sac or to the lid margins. Systemic treatment may be required and may be necessary for 3 months or longer.

Most cases of acute bacterial conjunctivitis are self-limiting; where treatment is appropriate, antibacterial eye drops or an eye ointment are used. A poor response might indicate viral or allergic conjunctivitis or antibiotic resistance.

Corneal *ulcer* and *keratitis* require specialist treatment, usually under inpatient care, and may call for intensive topical, subconjunctival, or systemic administration of antimicrobials.

*Endophthalmitis* is a medical emergency which also calls for specialist management and requires intravitreal administration of antimicrobials; concomitant systemic