

Eye ointments containing a paraffin (e.g. liquid paraffin with white soft paraffin and wool alcohols p. 725) can be used in addition to other options to lubricate the eye surface, especially in cases of recurrent corneal epithelial erosion. They may cause temporary visual disturbance and are best suited for application before sleep. Ointments should not be used during contact lens wear. **A**

OCULAR LUBRICANTS

Acetylcysteine

07-Feb-2017

● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

Tear deficiency | Impaired or abnormal mucus production

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

● SIDE-EFFECTS Eye discomfort · eye redness

- **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 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**
£33.46 DT = £33.46

Carbomers

27-Mar-2020

(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

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

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Eye gel

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Benzalkonium chloride, cetrimide, disodium edetate

- ▶ **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

23-Mar-2020

● 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.

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

Eye drops

▶ Carmellose sodium (Non-proprietary)

Carmellose 0.5% eye drops | 10 ml £7.49
Carmellose 1% eye drops 0.4ml unit dose preservative free | 30 unit dose £3.00 DT = £3.00

▶ 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

▶ Carmize (Aspire Pharma Ltd)

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

▶ Cellusan (Farmigea 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
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

23-Mar-2020

● 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.

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

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.