



Medicine Supply Notification

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Latanoprost 50microgram/ml / timolol 5mg/ml (Fixapost[®]) 0.2ml unit dose
preservative free eye drops

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 27/10/2021

Summary

- Fixapost[®] eye drops are out of stock until mid-November 2021.
- Latanoprost (Monopost[®]) 50microgram/ml 0.2ml unit dose preservative free eye drops remain available.
- Timolol (Eysano[®]) 5mg/ml and 2.5mg/ml eye drops preservative free and timolol (Tiopex[®]) 1mg/g gel eye drops 0.4g unit dose preservative free remain available.
- Other preservative-free combination eye drops also remain available.

Actions Required

For patients with insufficient supplies, clinicians should consider the following options during the affected period, taking into account patient preferences:

- prescribing Monopost[®] with Eysano[®] 5mg/ml eye drops which contain the same constituents as Fixapost[®];
- prescribing Monopost[®] with Eysano[®] 2.5mg/ml eye drops or Tiopex[®] gel eye drops if Eysano[®] 5mg/ml eye drops are not appropriate or unavailable;
- prescribing an alternative preservative-free combination eye drop if administration of multiple products is an issue;
- reassuring patients that any changes to their eye drops will be short-term and for the duration of the supply issue only; and
- deferring initiating any new patients on Fixapost[®] eye drops until the supply issue is resolved.

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>

Supporting Information

Alternative preservative free eye preparations

Generic name (brand name)	Strength	Stock status
Latanoprost (Monopost [®]) 0.2ml unit dose eye drops	50microgram/ml	In stock
Timolol (Eysano [®]) eye drops	5mg/ml	In stock
Timolol (Eysano [®]) eye drops	2.5mg/ml*	In stock
Timolol (Tiopex [®]) gel eye drops 0.4g unit dose	1mg/g*	In stock
Bimatoprost & timolol (Ganfort [®]) eye drops, solution, in single-dose container	0.3 mg/ml + 5 mg/ml	In stock
Tafluprost & timolol (Taptiqom [®]) eye drops, solution in single-dose container	15 micrograms/ml + 5 mg/ml	In stock

**Speciality advice is that, for the majority of patients, a short-term change in the strength of timolol drops is unlikely to have an adverse clinical effect.*

Please refer to the following links for further information on alternative preparations:

[Fixapost[®] SPC](#)

[Eysano[®] SPC](#)

[Ganfort[®] SPC](#)

[Taptiqom[®] SPC](#)

[Tiopex[®] SPC](#)

[Monopost[®] SPC](#)

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