

Monopost preservative free eye drops

Recommendation

Monopost should be reserved for patients who report symptoms of preservative intolerance with generic latanoprost or Xalatan.

Patients commenced on Monopost by a specialist due to preservative intolerance should be maintained on Monopost.

Patients who report symptoms of preservative intolerance with generic latanoprost or Xalatan may be switched to Monopost.

The ophthalmologists define allergy to preservative as “when the surrounding periorbital skin is either excoriated or red or thickened or swelling occurs”.

- Monopost is a preservative free formulation of Latanoprost eye drops.
- Latanoprost is a prostaglandin analogue eye drop licensed for the reduction of elevated intra-ocular pressure in patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension
- Latanoprost with preservatives is already included in the formulary.
- Preservatives within eye drops can cause side effects at the ocular surface making them intolerable for some patients, therefore an alternative is required.
- Monopost® is used once daily and does not need storage in a fridge.
- Monopost® is for single use only and a single-dose contains enough eye drops solution to treat both eyes if required.

There are two other preservative free prostaglandin eye drops of which Monopost® is the cheapest .

Cost Comparisons: MIMS May 2013

Monopost® (Latanoprost 50 micrograms/mL) 30 x 0.2 mL	= £ 8.49
Lumigan® (bimatoprost 300 micrograms/mL) 30 x 0.4 mL	= £13.75
Saflutan® (tafluprost 15 micrograms/mL) 30 x 0.3 mL	= £17.41
Latanoprost with preservative generic 1 x 2.5ml	= £ 2.71
Latanoprost with preservative as Xalatan 1 x 2.5ml	= £12.48

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