

**PATIENT PACKAGE INSERT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
PHARMACISTS' REGULATIONS (PREPARATIONS) - 1986**

The dispensing of this medicine requires a doctor's prescription

Please read the entire leaflet carefully before using this medicine

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## **IOPIDINE® 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution**

**Active ingredient:** Apraclonidine Hydrochloride 0.5%

**Inactive ingredients:** Sodium acetate, sodium chloride, benzalkonium chloride, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, purified water.

**Therapeutic group:** Alpha adrenergic agonist, reducing IOP.

**Therapeutic activity:** Iopidine 0.5% is indicated for the reduction of intraocular pressure.

### **When should this preparation not be used?**

Do not use this medicine if you are sensitive to any of its ingredients or to Clonidine. Do not use this medicine in patients treated with MAO inhibitors (for depression).

### **Do not use this medicine without consulting a physician before starting the treatment:**

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

If you are suffering, or have suffered in the past, from impaired function of the heart and/or vascular system, liver, kidney/urinary tract, cerebral hemorrhage, depression or Raynaud's disease.

### **How will this medicine affect your daily life?**

Use of this medicine may impair alertness and therefore caution should be exercised when engaging in activities such as driving a car, operating dangerous machinery and in any other activity which requires alertness. Children should be cautioned against engaging in activities such as bicycle riding, playing near traffic, etc.

**Warnings:** During the course of treatment with this medicine, intraocular pressure tests should be performed. This medicine contains Benzalkonium Chloride, a preservative material that might be absorbed by soft contact lenses. Do not use this medicine while wearing soft contact lenses. The lenses should be removed before using the medicine and can be returned not less than 15 minutes after instilling the medicine into the eye.

**Drug interactions:** If you are using another medicine concomitantly, or if you have just finished treatment with another medicine, inform the attending physician, in order to prevent hazards or lack of efficacy arising from drug interactions. This is especially important for medicines belonging to the following groups: medicines affecting the central nervous system (e.g. sedatives, hypnotics, drugs for parkinsonism, epilepsy, antiallergics, operational anaesthetics and narcotic analgesics), antidepressants, antihypertensives and medicines for the heart, antidiabetes medicines (taken orally).

**Side effects:** In addition to the desired effect of the medicine, during treatment some side effects may occur, for example: dryness of the mouth, eye and nose, headache, taste changes, tiredness and transient discomfort in the eye. If these effects continue and/or disturb you, consult your physician. Effects that require special attention: Allergic reaction in the eye that is indicated by: itching, feeling of heat and tears, or foreign body sensation in the eye (rare): stop treatment and refer to your physician.

In case of any other side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, or if you notice any change in your general well-being, consult your physician immediately.

**Dosage:** According to physician's instructions only.

Recommended dosage unless otherwise prescribed by your physician: 1-2 drops, 3 times daily. Do not exceed the recommended dosage. This medicine is not usually intended for administration to infants and children under 12 years of age.

**Attention:** This medicine is intended for external use only. Wait approx. 5 minutes after using this medicine before taking any other ophthalmic medicine.

**Directions for use:** Wash your hands thoroughly. Tilt back your head or lie down on a bed and with the aid of a finger pull the lower eyelid away slightly from the eye. Instil the medicine into the gap, keeping your eyes closed for 1-2 minutes. Do not blink. To prevent contamination of the solution, take care not to allow the tip of the bottle to come into contact with any surface including the finger and the eye itself, and close the bottle tightly after use. Do not use this medicine for more than one month after the bottle is first opened.

### **How can you contribute to the success of the treatment?!**

Complete the full course of treatment as instructed by the physician. Even if there is an improvement in your health, do not stop the treatment before consulting your physician.

**Avoid poisoning!** This medicine, and all other medicines, must be stored in a safe place out of the reach of children and/or infants, in order to prevent poisoning. If you have taken an overdose, or if a child has accidentally swallowed the medicine, go immediately to the emergency room of a hospital and bring the package of the medicine with you. Do not induce vomiting without explicit instructions by a doctor! This medicine has been prescribed for the treatment of your ailment; in another patient it may cause harm. Do not give this medicine to your relatives, neighbours or acquaintances. Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and the dose each time that you take your medicine. Wear glasses if you need them.

**Storage:** In a cool and dark place. Do not freeze.

Even if kept in their original container and stored as directed, medicines may be kept for a limited period only. Please note the expiry date of the medicine! In case of doubt, consult the pharmacist who dispensed the medicine to you. Do not store different medications in the same package.

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