



24 December 2025

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml (Fixapost®) eye drops 0.2ml unit dose preservative free

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: early February 2026

Issue

1. Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / timolol 5mg/ml (Fixapost®) eye drops 0.2ml unit dose preservative free are out of stock until early February 2026.
2. Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / timolol 5mg/ml (Vizilatan Duo®) eye drops preservative free remain available and can support the increased demand.
3. Separate latanoprost and timolol preservative free topical eye presentations remain available.
4. A UK-wide Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Fixapost® preservative free eye drops was issued on 19/12/2025. Please refer to [PCA\(P\)\(2025\)29](#) for further information.

Advice and Actions

5. Prescribers should not initiate new patients on Fixapost® preservative free eye drops until the supply issue has resolved.
6. Where existing patients have insufficient supply to last until the re-supply date(s), prescribers should:
 - consider prescribing Vizilatan Duo® eye drops, ensuring that the patient is counselled on the correct use of the dropper device, the 4-week in-use shelf life and reassured that the product is preservative free (see additional information section); or
 - consider prescribing latanoprost and timolol containing preservative free topical eye presentations separately, if Vizilatan Duo® eye drops are not suitable, ensuring that the patient is counselled on sequential administration of the eye drops (see additional information section), and
 - take into account treatment history including hypersensitivity or adverse reactions to topical eye preparations.
7. Where a prescription for Fixapost® preservative free eye drops is presented and cannot be fulfilled, community pharmacists and dispensing doctors should:
 - supply Vizilatan Duo® eye drops in accordance with [SSP 086](#) for eligible patients;
 - ensure patients/carers are counselled on use of this product; and
 - refer back to the prescriber any patient deemed ineligible for, or who does not consent to receive an alternative product via the SSP.

*<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/media/1842/medicine-supply-alert-notices-definitions-of-classifications-21-october-2019.pdf>

Additional Information

Clinical Information

8. Fixapost® is indicated in adults for the reduction of intraocular pressure in patients with open angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension who are insufficiently responsive to topical beta-blockers or prostaglandin analogues. It is presented as single dose containers and administered once daily.
9. Vizilatan Duo® contains identical components to Fixapost® and is also preservative free. It is presented in a multidose container. Patients should be:
 - counselled on the need to pump the bottle 15 times to remove the air and prevent foaming of the drops, as advised in the [patient information leaflet \(PIL\)](#);
 - advised not to discard the pack after the first dose as it is a multidose bottle and to discard 4 weeks after opening; and
 - reassured that this product is preservative free and can be used up to 4 weeks from opening.
10. The components of Fixapost® are also available separately as preservative free products: Monopost® (latanoprost 50micrograms/ml eye drops 0.2ml unit dose) and Eysano® (timolol 5mg/ml eye drops).
11. After administering latanoprost, allow at least 15 minutes before administering timolol to allow time for latanoprost to be absorbed.

Links to further information

- [SmPC Fixapost Preservative Free Eye Drops](#)
- [SmPC Vizilatan Duo 50 micrograms/mL + 5 mg/mL eye drops, solution](#)
- [PIL Vizilatan Duo 50 micrograms/mL + 5 mg/mL eye drops, solution](#)
- [SmPC MONOPOST \(latanoprost\) 50 mcg/ml eye drops, solution in single-dose container](#)
- [SmPC Eysano \(timolol\) 5mg/ml Eye Drops, Solution](#)
- [BNF Latanoprost with timolol](#)
- [BNF Treatment summary - Glaucoma and ocular hypertension](#)
- [CKS Glaucoma](#)
- [Serious shortage protocols \(SSPs\) | NHSBSA](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

12. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) have launched an online Medicines Supply Tool, which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues. To access the online Medicines Supply Tool you need to register with the [SPS website](#). Registration for access to the website is available to UK healthcare professionals and organisations providing NHS healthcare. The tool is located under the Tools tab and then click on the Medicines Supply option.
13. Prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland are encouraged to register with the SPS website and use its Medicine Supply Tool to stay up to date concerning medicines supply disruptions. Please be aware that while medicines supply issues will appear on the SPS website, some of the recommended actions may not always be appropriate / relevant within the Scottish context.

Enquiries

14. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot (secondary care).