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Dear Healthcare Professional

Shortage of TIMOPTOL timolol maleate 0.5% eye drops bottle AUST R: 28775 and alternative supply arrangement under section 19A of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*

The Australian registered medicine, **TIMOPTOL timolol maleate 0.5% eye drops bottle AUST R: 28775** sponsored by Mundipharma Pty Ltd is currently unavailable or in short supply.

LINK has been able to arrange supply of an alternative product **Timolol 0.5% w/v eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK)** on a temporary basis. This product is NOT registered in Australia and supply is authorised under an approval granted by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) under section 19A of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* until **30th June 2025** for the following indication(s):

Timolol is indicated for the reduction of elevated intraocular pressure.

In clinical trials it has been shown to reduce intraocular pressure in:

- *Patients with ocular hypertension*
- *Patients with chronic open-angle glaucoma*
- *Aphakic patients with glaucoma*

Timolol 0.5% w/v eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK) is registered and marketed in the United Kingdom and therefore all labelling is in English.

The approved s19A product and the Australian product are identical in active ingredient, strength, and formulation.

Please note the following information regarding differences between **Timolol 0.5% w/v eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK)** and **TIMOPTOL timolol maleate 0.5% eye drops bottle AUST R: 28775**

	ARTG registered product TIMOPTOL timolol maleate 0.5% eye drops bottle AUST R: 28775	S19A Product Timolol 0.5% w/v eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK)
Special storage conditions	Store below 30°C. Protect from light.	Do not store above 25°C after first opening. Store bottle in the outer carton.

Please refer to the Australian Product Information for **TIMOPTOL timolol maleate 0.5% eye drops bottle AUST R: 28775** available at <https://www.ebs.tga.gov.au> when prescribing **Timolol 0.5% w/v**

eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK). Please direct patients to the enclosed UK package leaflet for eye drop instillation instructions.

Adverse Event Reporting

Reporting any suspected adverse event is important for the continued monitoring of the safety of all medicines. Any adverse events which are experienced with **Timolol 0.5% w/v eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK)** should be reported by healthcare professionals and patients to the LINK healthcare Pharmacovigilance at pv@linkhealthcare.co or 1800 181 060. Alternatively, this information can be reported to the TGA at <https://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems>

Any product complaints regarding Timolol 0.5% w/v eye drops solution (Brown & Burk UK) should be reported to LINK on 1800 161 181.

Please forward this information to relevant staff members in your organisation. For further information, please contact LINK on 1800 161 060 or email customerservice@linkhealthcare.com.au.

Yours faithfully



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