

28th August 2024

Dear Healthcare Professional

Shortage of TIMOPTOL-XE timolol 5mg/mL (as maleate) eye drops bottle AUSTR: 50306 and alternative supply arrangement under section 19A of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*

The Australian registered medicine, **TIMOPTOL-XE timolol 5mg/mL (as maleate) eye drops bottle AUSTR: 50306** sponsored by Mundipharma Pty Ltd is currently unavailable or in short supply.

LINK has been able to arrange supply of an alternative product **TIMOPTOL-LA 0.5% w/v gel-forming eye drops solution (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):

TIMOPTOL-LA is indicated for the reduction of elevated intraocular pressure in patients with:

- *ocular hypertension*
- *chronic open-angle glaucoma*
- *aphakia and glaucoma*

TIMOPTOL-LA 0.5% w/v gel-forming eye drops solution (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 refer to the Australian Product Information for **TIMOPTOL-XE timolol 5mg/mL (as maleate) eye drops bottle AUSTR: 50306** available at <https://www.ebs.tga.gov.au> when prescribing **TIMOPTOL-LA 0.5% w/v gel-forming eye drops solution (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 **TIMOPTOL-LA 0.5% w/v gel-forming eye drops solution (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/reportingproblems>

Any product complaints regarding **TIMOPTOL-LA 0.5% w/v gel-forming eye drops solution (UK)** should be reported to LINK on 1800 181 060.

Please forward this information to relevant staff members in your organisation.

For further information, please contact LINK on 1800 181 060 or email customerservice@linkhealthcare.com.au.

Yours faithfully

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