

VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM

Dorzolamide hydrochloride/Timolol maleate

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using VIZOPF DORZOLATIM.**

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1. Why am I using VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM?

VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM contains the active ingredients dorzolamide hydrochloride and timolol maleate. VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM is a preservative-free antiglaucoma medicine used to alleviate symptoms of a disease in which damage to the optic nerve is caused.

VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM is used to lower raised pressure in the eye and to treat glaucoma for patients who might be sensitive to

preservative-containing formulations or for whom the use of a preservative free formulation is otherwise advisable. Glaucoma is a condition in which the pressure of fluid in the eye may be high. However, some people with glaucoma may have normal eye pressure. Also, some people with raised eye pressure may not have glaucoma.

Glaucoma is usually caused by a build up of the fluid which flows through the eye. This build up occurs because the fluid drains out of your eye more slowly than it is being pumped in. Since new fluid continues to enter the eye, joining the fluid already there, the pressure continues to rise. This raised pressure may damage the back of the eye resulting in gradual loss of sight. Damage can progress so slowly that the person is not aware of this gradual loss of sight. Sometimes even normal eye pressure is associated with damage to the back of the eye.

There are usually no symptoms of glaucoma. The only way of knowing that you have glaucoma is to have your eye pressure, optic nerve and visual field checked by an eye specialist or optometrist. If glaucoma is not treated it can lead to serious problems. You may have no symptoms but eventually glaucoma can lead to total blindness. In fact, untreated glaucoma is one of the most common causes of blindness.

Although VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM helps control your glaucoma it does not cure it.

For more information about glaucoma, contact Glaucoma Australia (PO Box 420, Crows Nest 1585, telephone 1800 500 880).

VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM contains two active ingredients, dorzolamide hydrochloride and timolol maleate. Both of these active ingredients lower pressure in the eye by reducing the production of fluid, but they do this in different ways.

Dorzolamide hydrochloride belongs to a family of medicines called carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.

Timolol maleate belongs to a family of medicines called beta-blockers.

VIZO-PF DORZOLATIM is not addictive.