

If you have any concerns immediately following the use of the drops please speak to a member of staff in the Department.

Contact Details

If you have any questions concerning your vision please speak to your Orthoptist /Ophthalmology team member or any member of the Healthcare Team that has been caring for you.

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Eye Condition Patient Information Leaflet

Tropicamide Dilating Eye Drops



Please speak to a member of staff if you need this leaflet in large print, braille, audio or another language

Introduction

This leaflet provides you with information on Tropicamide 0.5% or 1% eye drops.

It is not meant to replace the discussion between you and your Doctor/Healthcare Professional but may act as a starting point for discussion.

If after reading it you have any concerns or require further explanation, please discuss this with a member of the Healthcare Team who has been caring for you.

Tropicamide Eye Drops

Tropicamide 0.5% or 1% eye drops may need to be put in your eyes at your clinic appointment so that the doctor or clinician can adequately examine your eyes. These drops are also required before having certain laser treatment.

If you consent to their use, the eye drops will be put into your eyes for you by a health professional in the eye clinic.

If the drops have not worked sufficiently for the examination, a further drop may need to be put in your eye after 15-20 minutes.

It is very important that these drops are put in your eyes if required, otherwise it will not be possible to carry out the eye examination.

How do the drops work?

The drops temporarily dilate (enlarge) your pupils and relax the muscles in your eyes which may take between 10 and 30 minutes.

This makes it easier for your eyes to be examined ,

What are the side effects of the drops?

The drops make your eyes sensitive to light and also cause blurred vision. The effects can last for several hours (this can be 4 - 6 hours or more.)

Other side effects may include:

- Temporary irritation/stinging.
- Dry mouth which should wear off within a couple hours.
- Difficulty operating machinery, crossing roads, reading or close work.

We advise that you do not drive, cycle or operate machinery after having Tropicamide drops until your vision returns to normal.