

# Bepreve (bepotastine) basics

**Relieves itching from eye allergies.** Bepreve (bepotastine) is good for reducing itching and redness in the eyes, but there is no generic available so may be expensive.

## What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Bepreve (bepotastine)</b> Drug effectiveness	[Blue bar indicating effectiveness from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Possible side effects</b>	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Metallic taste</b> 25% chance	[Red bar indicating side effect from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Eye irritation†</b>	[Red bar indicating side effect from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Headache†</b>	[Red bar indicating side effect from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Common cold†</b>		[Red bar indicating side effect from Days to Weeks]			

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Use one drop in the affected eye twice daily. Wash your hands before putting Bepreve (bepotastine) drops into your eyes.
- Don't touch the container tip with your hands or to other surfaces.
- Remove your contact lenses before using Bepreve (bepotastine). Lenses can be put back in 10 minutes after the drops are used. Don't re-use contacts if your eyes are irritated or infected.
- After putting a drop into the eye, press one finger to the inner corner of eye, by the nose, and press lightly for 1 to 2 minutes to keep the medicine in your eye.
- When administering medication, tilt your head back and drop medicine into the eye.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it close to the time of your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your normal scheduled regimen.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Contamination of dropper tip and solution

To reduce the risk of contaminating the dropper tip and solution, don't touch the eyelids or surrounding areas with the tip of the bottle. Also, keep the bottle tightly closed when not being used.

### Contact lens use

Don't wear your contact lens if your eye is red. You should remove your contact lenses when administering Bepreve (bepotastine). There is a preservative in Bepreve (bepotastine) called benzalkonium chloride that can be absorbed by soft contact lenses. You can reinsert your contact lenses 10 minutes after putting in the drops.

### Topical ophthalmic use only

Only use Bepreve (bepotastine) for treating your eye condition. Don't use it in other parts of your body.