

Pataday (olopatadine) basics

Relieves itchy eyes due to allergies. Pataday (olopatadine) is an effective treatment for itchy eyes due to allergies, but it doesn't treat eye irritation caused by infections or contact lens wear.

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
Pataday (olopatadine) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Common cold symptoms					
Sore throat					
Blurry vision					
Burning/stinging					
Dry eyes					
Eye redness					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Starts working in less than half an hour.
- Can cause temporary stinging or burning.
- Remove contact lenses before using the eye drops, then wait at least 10 minutes before putting them back on. Also, don't wear contacts if your eyes are red while using the medicine.
- Keep the applicator tip clean by making sure it doesn't touch your eyes or other objects.
- Pataday (olopatadine) is not to be used for relieving eye irritation due to contact lenses.
- If you are using other eye drop medicines besides Pataday (olopatadine), wait at least 5 minutes in between drops.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

For external use only

Pataday (olopatadine) is intended to be used in the eyes only and not for anywhere else on your body.

Not to be used with contact lenses

If you wear soft contact lenses, remove them before using Pataday (olopatadine). Also, you should wait at least 10 minutes after using the eye drops before wearing your contacts again. Don't wear contacts if your eyes are red.

Keeping the applicator clean

Keep the applicator clean and don't let it touch your eyes or any other surfaces. Also, make sure to keep the cap on the medicine tightly closed when you are not using it. This will help keep the medicine free of germs.