

Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) basics

Lowers eye pressure and constricts the pupil. Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) is a very effective first choice medicine for treating high eye pressure to prevent the onset or worsening of glaucoma, but you may have to use up to 4 times daily.

What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Wash your hands before putting drops in eyes.
- Do not touch the dropper tip to your eye or hands.
- Remove contact lenses before using the drops and wait 15 minutes before re-inserting them.
- After instilling drops in the eye, press one finger to the inner corner of eye, by the nose, and press lightly for 2 minutes; this will keep more of Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) around in your eye.
- Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) might make it harder for you to see at night. Be careful when driving or doing hazardous activities in poor lighting.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Reduced visual acuity

Be careful with night driving and other hazardous activities when there's not much light outside. Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) can cause your vision to be less clear during the night time.

Retinal disease

Rare cases of retinal detachment have been reported in patients using Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine). Let your doctor know about your eye conditions. Depending on your medical history, your doctor might perform a retinal exam before starting you on Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine).

Increased intraocular pressure in children

Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) is not recommended to use in children who have certain types of glaucoma. This includes primary congenital glaucoma and glaucoma due to anterior segment dysgenesis or uveitis. For these patients, Isopto Carpine (pilocarpine) can cause a paradoxical increase in eye pressure. Let your doctor know about the specific eye conditions your child has.