

Zioptan (tafluprost) basics

Lowers eye pressure and controls glaucoma. Zioptan (tafluprost) is often a first choice treatment for lowering eye pressure to prevent and treat glaucoma, but is preservative-free so it has special storage instructions.

What to expect when starting

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



Tips from pharmacists

- Wash your hands before putting Zioptan (tafluprost) drops in your eyes.
- Don't touch the dropper tip with your hands or other surfaces.
- If you wear contacts, remove them and wait 15 minutes after putting the drop in your eye before putting the contacts back in.
- After putting drops in the eye, press one finger to the inner corner of eye, by the nose lightly for 1 minute to keep the drug in your eye.
- If using Zioptan (tafluprost) with another eyedrop medication, wait 5 minutes between using them.
- Store in the refrigerator in the original pouch. Only open 1 package at a time. Write down the date you opened the pouch, and discard any unused containers 30 days after opening the pouch.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Darkening of the eyes

Your eyes can get darker or change to brown permanently. The effects starts at the center of the pupil and spreads outward, but may not be noticeable for months to years.

Darkening of lashes

Your eyelashes can grow longer, darker, thicker, and in different directions while on Zioptan (tafluprost), but go away after stopping Zioptan (tafluprost).

Darkening of contact lenses

You must wait 15 minutes after applying Zioptan (tafluprost) before inserting contact lenses. If inserted too soon, the lenses may darken and be damaged.