

**Medicines Management Team
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Guide to eye drop quantities and prescription ordering

Common Eye Drops	Size of Bottle	Usual Daily Dose	Number of Drops per Eye per 4 Weeks	Approx. Length of Time a Bottle Should Last (for ONE Eye)	Approx. Length of Time a Bottle Should Last (for TWO Eyes)
Bimatoprost (Lumigan) or Bimatoprost/Timolol (Ganfort)	3ml	1 drop once daily	28	120 days*	60 days*
Brimonidine (Alphagan)	5ml	1 drop twice daily	56	75 days*	37 days*
Brinzolamide (Azopt) or Brinzolamide/Timolol (Azarga) twice daily only	5ml	1 drop twice daily or 1 drop three times daily	56 84	Alcon give no definitive answer –though said if SPC followed there will be enough for one month even for both eyes	
Dorzolamide (Trusopt)	5ml	1 drop twice daily or 1 drop three times daily	56 84	69 days*	34 days*
or Dorzolamide/Timolol (Cosopt) – twice daily only		1 drop twice daily	56	41 days* 64 days*	20 days 32 days*
Hypromellose 0.3%	10ml	as required for relief of dry eyes	as required for relief of dry eyes	dependant on use	dependant on use
Timolol (Timoptol)	5ml	1 drop once daily	28	200 days*	100 days*
Latanoprost (Xalatan) or Latanoprost/Timolol (Xalacom)	2.5ml	1 drop once daily	28	80 days*	40 days*
Minims	Each individual container is used for the required single dose and then discarded				

Important Information About Eye Drops

- *Eye drop preparations **should be discarded 28 days after opening unless otherwise stated NB the brand Evolve (preservative free hypromellose 0.3%) has expiry of 3 MONTHS once opened**
- Some manufacturers have stated the actual number of drops per bottle. Where we have not been able to obtain this information on average there are 20 drops per millilitre in eye drop containers so :
 3ml container = approx. 60 drops
 5ml container = approx. 100 drops
 10ml container = approx. 200 drops

In some cases, usually due to infection, it may be advised that the service user receives one eye drop bottle per eye if both eyes are affected