This product is available in two different strengths: 1% w/v and 2% w/v. These products will be collectively referred to as Teoptic in this leaflet.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start to use this medicine because it contains important information for you.

• Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
• If you have further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.

• If you feel any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

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1. What Teoptic is and what it is used for

Teoptic is available in two different strengths containing either 1% or 2% of the active ingredient, carteolol hydrochloride.

Carteolol hydrochloride is one of a group of drugs called beta-blockers which can help to reduce pressure in the eye. Teoptic is used to treat conditions such as glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye).

2. What you need to know before you use Teoptic

Do not use Teoptic eye drops solution:
• if you have a slow heart beat, heart failure (severe lung disease which may cause breathlessness or choking), heart failure (long-standing cough)
• if you have any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

Warnings and precautions

Before you use this medicine, tell your doctor if you have no or have had in the past:
• coronary heart disease (symptoms can include chest pain or tightness, breathlessness or choking), heart failure (severe lung disease which may cause breathlessness, difficulty in breathing and/or long-standing cough)
• if you have a slow heart beat, heart failure or disorders of heart rhythm (irregular heart beats).

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• Make sure that the tip of the bottle does not touch anything.
• Close your eyelid and gently press the corner of your eye with your forefinger for 2 minutes.

Teoptic can affect or be affected by other medicines you are using, including other eye drops for the treatment of glaucoma. Tell your doctor if you are using or intend to use medicines to lower blood pressure, heart medicine or medicines to treat diabetes.

Other medicines and Teoptic

Tell your doctor before you have an operation using Teoptic. If you are affected, you should close your eye and gently press the corner of your eye for 2 minutes.

• Place the dropper tip close to your eye, but not touching the eye or lid, and gently squeeze the bottle to release one drop into your eye.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

Do not use Teoptic if you are pregnant or trying to get pregnant unless your doctor considers it necessary.

Do not use Teoptic if you are breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

Some people may have problems with their eyes (such as blurred vision, watering or dryness) when using Teoptic. If you are affected, you should not drive or use machinery.

Teoptic contains benzalkonium chloride

Benzalkonium chloride may cause eye irritation. Avoid contact with soft lenses. Take out lenses before you use Teoptic and do not put them back for at least 15 minutes. Benzalkonium chloride is known to discolor soft contact lenses.

3. How to use Teoptic

Always use Teoptic eye drops solution exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The recommended dose is one drop into the affected eye twice daily. After using Teoptic, press a finger into the corner of your eye, by the nose (picture I) for 2 minutes. This helps drop carteolol hydrochloride getting into the rest of the body.

Use in children and adolescents

Teoptic Eye Drops are not recommended for children.

How to use Teoptic

• Wash your hands before using the drops.
• Remove the cap from the dropper bottle.
• Make sure that the tip of the bottle does not touch anything.
• Hold the bottle in one hand between the thumb and forefinger.
• Tilt your head back, and use your other forefinger to pull down the lower eyelid.

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• Replace the cap and wash your hands.
• If you forget to use Teoptic

If you forget to use your eye drops, put them in as soon as possible. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

• If you use more Teoptic than you should

If you use too much or if you accidentally swallow the eye drops, see your doctor at once or go to your nearest hospital casualty department. Take your medicine with you.

• If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

5. How to store Teoptic

• Close your eyelid and gently press the corner of your eye for 2 minutes.

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4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Teoptic eye drops, solution can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

You can usually carry on taking the drops, unless the effects are serious. If you are worried, talk to a doctor or pharmacist. Do not stop using Teoptic without speaking to your doctor.

Like other medicines applied into eyes, carteolol retaomaximol is absorbed into the blood. This may cause similar side effects as seen with 'intravenous' and/or 'oral' as applicable beta-blocking agents. In case of side effects after topical ophthalmic administration is lower than when medicines are, for example, taken by mouth. Listed side effects include reactions seen within the class of beta-blockers when used for treating eye conditions:

- Generalized allergic reactions including swelling, tearing or redness of the skin in areas such as the face and limbs, and can obstruct the airway which may cause difficulty swallowing in acute cases.
- Signs and symptoms of myasthenia gravis (muscle disorder), dizziness, unusual sensations like pins and needles, and headache.
- Constriction of the airways in the lungs (asthma) and symptoms of shortness of breath and swelling of the feet due to fluid build up, a type of congestive heart failure.
- Low blood pressure, Raynaud’s phenomenon, cold hands and feet.
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5. How to store Teoptic

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not store the drops above 25°C.
- The drops are sterile until the seal on the bottle is broken. Do not use if the seal is broken when you receive the bottle. Take it back to the pharmacist.
- Do not use the drops for longer than 28 days after first opening the seal.
- Do not use the drops after the expiry date which is printed on the bottle and carton.
- If your doctor tells you to stop using Teoptic Eye Drops, please take any left back to your pharmacist to be destroyed. Only keep the drops if the doctor tells you not to throw them away with your normal household waste. This will help to protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Teoptic contains

Each ml of Teoptic Eye Drops contains 10mg or 20mg of the active ingredient, carteolol hydrochloride.

Teoptic Eye Drops also contain the following inactive ingredients: benzalkonium chloride, sodium chloride, sodium phosphate, sodium acid phosphate and purified water.

What Teoptic looks like and contents of the pack

Teoptic Eye Drops are available in plastic bottles, fitted with a dropper plug, with a plastic screw cap and tamper-evident seal. The bottle contains 5 millilitres of a colourless, clear solution.

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Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard. By reporting side effects of any medicine you can help to improve the safety of that medicine.

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