


# HYPROMELLOSE

<b>Indication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ocular lubricant, tear replacement</li> <li>Treatment or prevention of dry eyes where eyes cannot spontaneously close<sup>1</sup> (e.g. for paralysed baby)</li> </ul>		
<b>OPHTHALMIC</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ophthalmic solution 0.3% or 0.5%</li> </ul>	
	<b>Dosage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 drop per eye every 6 to 8 hours as required<sup>1,2</sup></li> </ul>	
	<b>Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> </ul>	
	<b>Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold eye lids apart and apply directly onto eye</li> </ul>	
<b>Special considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use if solution changes colour or becomes cloudy<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
<b>Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> </ul>		
<b>Compatibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil known</li> </ul>		
<b>Incompatibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil known</li> </ul>		
<b>Interactions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil significant</li> </ul>		
<b>Stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store below 25 °C</li> <li>Discard contents 4 weeks after opening<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		
<b>Side effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil significant</li> </ul>		
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lubrication of the eye</li> </ul>		
<b>Abbreviations</b>	Nil		
<b>Keywords</b>	lubricant eye drops, ocular, ophthalmic, hypromellose, artificial tears, GenTeal lubricant		

The Queensland Clinical Guideline *Neonatal Medicines* is integral to and should be read in conjunction with this monograph. Refer to the disclaimer. Destroy all printed copies of this monograph after use.

## References

1. MIMS Online. GenTeal Eye Drops. [Internet]: MIMS Australia; April 2014 [cited 2018 August 24]. Available from: <https://www.mimsonline.com.au>.
2. Shann F. Drug Doses. 17th ed: Collective Pty Ltd; 2017.

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