

**READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE****PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION****Pr SANDOZ BIMATOPROST RC****Bimatoprost Ophthalmic Solution 0.01% w/v**

**Read this carefully before you start using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about Sandoz Bimatoprost RC.**

**What is Sandoz Bimatoprost RC used for:**

Sandoz Bimatoprost RC eye drops are used to reduce high pressure in the eye in adult patients with open angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension. If the high pressure is not reduced, it could eventually damage your sight.

**How does Sandoz Bimatoprost RC work?**

Sandoz Bimatoprost RC is an antiglaucoma preparation. It belongs to a group of medicines called prostamides. Your eye contains a clear, watery liquid that feeds the inside of the eye. Liquid is constantly being drained out of the eye and new liquid is made to replace this. If the liquid cannot drain out quickly enough, the pressure inside the eye builds up. Sandoz Bimatoprost RC works by increasing the flow of liquid that is drained. This reduces the pressure inside the eye.

**What are the ingredients in Sandoz Bimatoprost RC?**

Medicinal ingredients: Each mL of Sandoz Bimatoprost RC contains bimatoprost 0.1 mg

Non-medicinal ingredients: Benzalkonium chloride (0.2 mg/ml) as a preservative, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate anhydrous, citric acid monohydrate, hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide for pH adjustment and water for injection.

**Sandoz Bimatoprost RC comes in the following dosage forms:**

Ophthalmic solution, 0.01% w/v

**Do not use Sandoz Bimatoprost RC if:**

- you are allergic to bimatoprost, to any of the other ingredients, or to any of the parts of the container (see section What are the ingredients).

**To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you use Sandoz Bimatoprost RC.****Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:**

- are taking, or have recently taken, any other medicines. Using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC with other medicines or other antiglaucoma products may reduce their effectiveness.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. You should ask your healthcare professional for advice before taking any medicine.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Ask your healthcare professional how to feed your baby while using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC.
- have an active eye infection, inflammation (e.g. uveitis) or any other eye or eyelid condition.
- develop another eye condition (an injury or an infection).
- have severe dry eyes.
- need to have eye surgery.
- have liver or kidney problems.

**Other warnings you should know about:****Changes in Eye and Eyelid Color**

Sandoz Bimatoprost RC has been associated with iris pigmentation (change in the colored part of the eye). This is likely to be permanent. The change may be more noticeable if you are only treating one eye. Using too much Sandoz Bimatoprost RC (overdose) may contribute to iris pigmentation. Sandoz Bimatoprost RC use may also cause darkening of the eyelid skin which may be reversible in most patients.

**Hair growth**

It is possible for hair growth to occur in areas of your skin that Sandoz Bimatoprost RC frequently touches. Any excess solution that drips from the eye should be blotted with a tissue or other absorbent material to reduce the chance of this from happening. It is also possible for a

difference in eyelash length, thickness, fullness, pigmentation, number of eyelash hairs, and/or direction of eyelash growth to occur between eyes. These differences, should they occur, will usually go away if you stop using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC.

**Changes in Vision**

Using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC may temporarily blur your vision. Do not drive or use machines until your vision has cleared.

**Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**

**The following may interact with Sandoz Bimatoprost RC:**

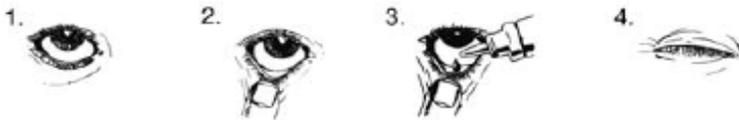
No drug interaction studies have been done with bimatoprost ophthalmic solution 0.01% w/v.

**How to use Sandoz Bimatoprost RC:**

- Do not use the bottle if the tamper-proof seal on the bottle neck is broken before you first use it.
- Always use Sandoz Bimatoprost RC exactly as your healthcare professional has instructed you.
- Sandoz Bimatoprost RC contains a preservative called benzalkonium chloride which may discolor soft contact lenses. If you wear contact lenses, remove them before using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC. Wait 15 minutes after using the drops before you put your lenses back in.
- If you use Sandoz Bimatoprost RC with another eye drop, wait at least five minutes after using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC before using the other drops.
- To help prevent infections, do not let the tip of the bottle touch your eye or anything else. Put the cap back on and close the bottle immediately after you have used it.

**Follow these steps to use Sandoz Bimatoprost RC properly:**

1. Wash your hands. Tilt your head back and look at the ceiling. (See illustration 1)
2. Gently pull down the lower eyelid to create a small pocket. (See illustration 2)
3. Turn the bottle upside down and squeeze it gently to release one drop into the eyelid pocket. If a drop misses your eye, try again. (See illustration 3)
4. Let go of the lower lid, and close your eye for 30 seconds. (See illustration 4)



5. Repeat steps 1 – 4 in the other eye if both eyes need treatment.

**Usual adult dose:**

One drop of Sandoz Bimatoprost RC in each eye that needs treatment, once every day, in the evening.

**Overdose:**

If you think you have used too much Sandoz Bimatoprost RC, contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department, or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

If you accidentally use too many drops, just go back to your regular once a day dosing the next day.

**Missed Dose:**

If you forget to take Sandoz Bimatoprost RC, use a single drop as soon as you remember, and then go back to your regular routine. **Do not take two doses to make up for the one that you missed.**

**What are possible side effects from using Sandoz Bimatoprost RC?**

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking Sandoz Bimatoprost RC. If you experience any side effects not listed here, contact your healthcare professional.

Like all medicines, Sandoz Bimatoprost RC can have side effects. Most of the side effects are not serious. If these persist or cause you concern, consult your doctor.

**Side effects may include:**

- Longer eyelashes, change in eyelash color
- Eye irritation, redness, itching
- Red and/or itchy eyelids,
- Darkening of the eyelid,
- Excessive hair growth,
- Small breaks in the surface of the eye.

Some patients (fewer than 2 in every 100) experience a change in iris color (iris pigmentation). The change is a darkening, with the eyes becoming more brown. This usually happens during the first year of treatment. Eye color darkening is expected to increase as long as Sandoz Bimatoprost RC is used. It is not known what this change means over the long term. Talk to your healthcare professional if you notice a change in your iris color.

**If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.**

**Reporting Side Effects**

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting ( <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada.html> ) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

**Storage:**

Sandoz Bimatoprost RC (bimatoprost ophthalmic solution 0.01% w/v) should be stored in the original container between 2°C - 25°C. Discard the unused portion 30 days after opening the bottle.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

**If you want more information about Sandoz Bimatoprost RC:**

- Talk to your healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website ( <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html> ); the manufacturer's website [sandoz.ca](http://sandoz.ca), or by calling 1-800-361-3062.

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