

## **NATAMET Eye Drops**

NATAMET contains Natamycin which belongs to the group of medicines called Ophthalmic anti-fungal agents. It is used to treat fungal infections of the eye such as blepharitis (eyelid infection), conjunctivitis (swelling of conjunctiva), and keratitis (swelling of cornea).

Fungal eye infection is a disease where the susceptible organism attacks the tissues of the eye causing eye pain, blurred vision, redness, watery eyes, discharge from the eyes and sensitivity to light.

NATAMET is for ophthalmic use only. It effectively controls the fungal growth within the eye. Use NATAMET as instructed by the physician to achieve better results. Do not use NATAMET for more than 7-10 days without consulting your doctor. Avoid wearing contact lenses while undergoing therapy for fungal eye infections.

Natamet Eye Drops 5 ml belongs to a class of medication called 'antifungal' used to treat fungal infections of the eye. A fungal infection is a disease in which a fungus attacks the tissue and causes damage to the eye. Fungi are commonly present in nature but do not cause infections normally. However, if the fungi enter the eye, then it causes eye pain, redness, and blurred vision.

Natamet Eye Drops 5 ml contains 'Natamycin', which works by killing fungi by destroying their outer cell membrane. The fungal cell membranes are essential for their survival as they prevent the entry of unwanted substances into the cells and stop the leakage of cell contents.

### **USES OF NATAMET**

Treats fungal infections of the eye

NATAMET effectively controls fungal infections within the eye. It binds to the fungal cell wall and disrupts the fungal cell membrane by blocking the production of certain chemicals (ergosterol) within the cell that is required for its survival. As a result, it stops the fungal cell from multiplication, thereby preventing the further spread of infection.

Natamet Eye Drops 5 ml is recommended for the treatment of fungal infections of the eye such as conjunctivitis (infection of the white part of the eye), endophthalmitis (infection of the inside part of the eye) and keratitis (infection of the clear part of the eye) caused by fungi in the eyes. It acts by stopping the growth of fungus in the eye that provides relief in irritation, redness, itching, swelling of the eye associated with a fungal eye infection.

Use NATAMET as advised by your physician. It is for ophthalmic use only. Wash your hands before application. Tilt your head slightly backwards and place the tip of the container close to your eyes. Gently pull your lower eyelid and instil a few drops of the medicine as directed by your physician. Close your eyes and gently press the inner corner of your eye for 2 minutes. Repeat the same for the other eye if required. Do not touch the tip of the container with your eyes, eyelids or areas around your eyes or fingers, to avoid contamination. Avoid wearing contact lenses while undergoing therapy for fungal eye infections. Eye ointments must be applied at last after using eye drops. Your doctor will decide the correct dose and duration of therapy for you depending upon your age, body weight and severity of the infection. However, do not use NATAMET for more than 7-10 days without consulting your doctor.

## SIDE EFFECTS OF NATAMET

### COMMON

eye pain, discomfort, and irritation

blurred vision

increased tear production

a sensation of the presence of a foreign body in the eye

eye redness

Mild eye discomfort

Chest pain

Eye swelling

Eye pain

severe allergic reactions (such as skin rash, swelling of the eye, eyelids, face, lips, tongue, hands or throat leading to difficulty in breathing)

Wash your eyes with plain cold water. Place an ice pack on your eye to ease the irritation. Avoid straining your eyes by looking at mobile phones, laptops, or television. Wear protective eyeglasses while going outdoors. If the irritation still persists, contact your doctor.

Close your eyes and relax. Do not strain your eyes by looking at mobile phones, laptops, or television. Avoid driving or operating heavy tools or machines while your vision is blurred

## WARNING & PRECAUTIONS

### PREGNANCY

NATAMET should be used in pregnant women only if prescribed by the physician. Therefore, consult your doctor before using it.

### BREASTFEEDING

NATAMET should be used with caution in breastfeeding women. Therefore, consult your doctor before using it.

### DRIVING AND USING MACHINES

Do not drive or operate any machines if you experience blurred vision after using NATAMET.

### ALLERGY

Do not use NATAMET if you are allergic to Natamycin.

### OTHERS

#### **Use in pediatrics:**

The safety and effectiveness of NATAMET have not been established in children. Therefore, NATAMET should be used in children and adolescents (aged below 18 years) only if prescribed by the physician.

#### **Use in geriatrics:**

NATAMET should be used with caution in elderly patients (aged 65 years or above).

### INTERACTIONS

#### **A. Drug-Drug interactions:**

Before using NATAMET, inform your doctor if you are taking any of the following medicines such as: corticosteroids (used to treat pain and inflammation) Ex. Dexamethasone

PREDNISOLONE

#### SYNOPSIS

**Drug** : Natamycin

**Pharmacological Category** : Antifungal Antibiotics

**Therapeutic Indication** : Fungal eye infections

**Dosage Forms** : Eye drops, Ophthalmic Solution

Store NATAMET at room temperature. Protect from direct sunlight

Use the medicine within 30 days after its opening



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