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## ABBREVIATED PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

**Presentation:** Each vial contains 0.25 ml of a sterile solution of 1.15% Apraclonidine Hydrochloride USP equivalent to 1% w/v Apraclonidine base. **Indications:** Iopidine Ophthalmic Solution is indicated to control or prevent elevations in intraocular pressure following anterior segment laser surgery.

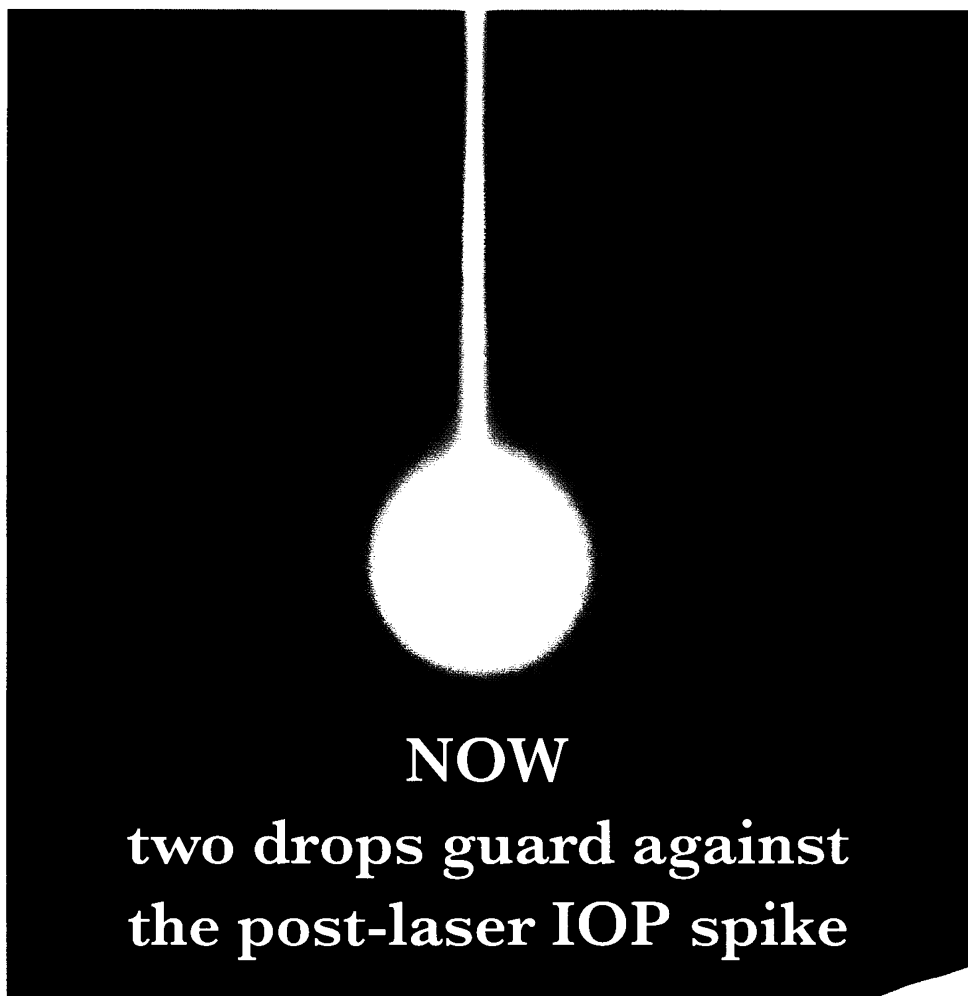
**Dosage and Administration:** One drop instilled in the eye one hour before anterior segment laser surgery and one drop instilled in the same eye immediately upon completion of surgery. Iopidine is not recommended for use in children. No special precautions are required for dosage in the elderly. **Side Effects:** Iopidine is generally well tolerated. The most frequently reported side-effects include ocular injection, hyperaemia, lid retraction, conjunctival blanching and mydriasis. Although acute administration of Iopidine has been observed to have minimal effect on heart rate or blood pressure, there is a potential for systemic cardiovascular effects. **Precautions:**

Caution should be observed in treating patients with severe cardiovascular disease, including hypertension. Clonidine-like drugs may cause drowsiness, affected patients should not drive or operate machinery. **Pregnancy:** Do not use unless the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks. **Nursing mothers:** It is not known whether Apraclonidine is excreted in human milk following ocular administration. **Paediatric use:** Iopidine is not recommended for use in children. **Contraindications:** Patients receiving monoamine oxidase inhibitor therapy, systemic sympathomimetic agents, tricyclic antidepressants and patients hypersensitive to this product. **Warnings:** Not for injection. Patients that develop exaggerated reduction in intraocular pressure should be closely monitored. **Legal Category:** POM **Package Quantities:** Two LDPE containers each containing 0.25 ml Iopidine Ophthalmic Solution are enclosed in a foil pouch and are presented in cartons of 12 pouches. **Product Licence Number:** 0649/0120 **Basic NHS Price:** Carton of 12 pouches £31.90. **Product Licence Holder:** Alcon Laboratories (U.K.) Limited, Imperial Way, Watford, Hertfordshire. **Date of Preparation:** November 1993.

## References:

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