

# The Natural Choice

## AQSIA

**Presentation:** Aqsia is a clear, colourless, sterile balanced salt solution.

**Uses:** Prolonged irrigation of the anterior chamber of the eye during surgery e.g. cataract, corneal graft or vitrectomy procedures.

Corneal hydration.

**Dosage and administration:** The quantity used will vary according to the surgical procedure. Sufficient solution should be used to produce the required irrigation.

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Precautions and warnings:** Precautions are limited to those normally encountered during surgical procedures. Use with caution in diabetics undergoing ophthalmic surgery. As with all surgery, care should be taken to minimise the risk of damage to the cornea and other intraocular tissues. Irrigation should be performed under strict aseptic conditions. Do not use if the product is cloudy or discoloured, or if the packaging is damaged. Not for intravenous use. Discard any remaining solution after use.

**Side-effects:** Rare cases of opacification or corneal oedema have been reported following ocular surgery using irrigating solutions similar to Aqsia.

**Interactions:** The use of any additive medication with Aqsia could lead to damage of intraocular tissues.

**Pharmaceutical precautions:** Store below 25°C. Do not refrigerate. Do not freeze.

**Manufacturer:** Laboratoires Opsia SA, BP 711, 31683 Toulouse Labege Cedex, France.

**Distributor in the UK:** Chauvin Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Ashton Road, Harold Hill, Romford, Essex RM3 8SL.

**Date of Preparation:** May 1996  
**Basic NHS price:** £7.10 (250 ml) £10.10 (500ml)

## REFERENCES

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2. Edelhauser H.F. et al. Intraocular irrigating solutions. Their effect on the corneal endothelium. Arch. Ophthalmol., 93, 648-57 (1975)

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## In ophthalmic irrigation

### ...reliable formulation

- Isotonic with intraocular tissues
- Physiological pH to aid cellular integrity<sup>1</sup>
- Equivalent osmolality to aqueous humour<sup>1</sup>
- Reduces endothelial erosion during and after surgery<sup>2</sup>

### ...sensible pricing

- Cost benefits compared to other balanced salt solution products

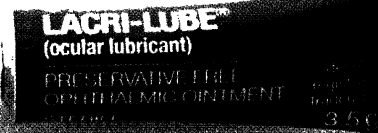
### ...convenient presentation

- PVC pouch does not require venting
- Easy to use
- Easy to store
- Eliminates the risk and cost of bottle breakages
- 250ml and 500ml sizes to meet varying needs

**AQSIA**  
**Balanced Salt Solution**



At night, dry eyes need an ointment that will mimic the tear film's natural lipid layer – right through until morning.



Lacri-Lube® Preservative-Free Ointment – Part of the Allergan Tears Range

**Presentation:** Off-white, smooth, preservative free sterile ophthalmic ointment containing white soft paraffin, mineral oil and lanolin alcohols. **Uses:** Useful as adjunctive therapy to lubricate and protect the eye in conditions such as exposure keratitis, decreased corneal sensitivity, recurrent corneal erosions, keratitis sicca, and also in ophthalmic and non-ophthalmic surgery. **Dosage and administration:** For topical administration. Pull lower lid down to form a pocket and apply a small amount as required. There is no variation of dose for age. **Contra-indications, warnings, etc.** Hypersensitivity to lanolin alcohols. To avoid contamination during use, do not touch tube tip to any surface. **Pharmaceutical precautions:** Store away from heat. **Legal category:** P. **Package quantities:** Lacri-Lube® is available in 3.5g and 5g ophthalmic ointment tubes. **Further information:** Dry eye symptoms commonly persist at night – Lacri-Lube® has been specifically formulated to lubricate and protect the dry eye during sleep. Lacri-Lube® can provide prophylactic ocular care during general surgical procedures as an adjunct to taping of the eyelids. **Product Licence number:** 0426/0041 **Product Licence holder:** Allergan Ltd. **Date of Preparation:** Jan 1996. **Allergan Limited, Coronation Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 3SH. 001/926**

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