

# Pharmacy Benefact

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## Highlights of Interchangeable Bimatoprost Drug Product added to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*

Addition of Vistitan 0.03% Ophthalmic Solution (DIN 02429063) to the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)* has resulted in the creation of a New Interchangeable Grouping, effective December 1, 2016:

### BIMATOPROST

#### OPHTHALMIC SOLUTION

00002429063	VISTITAN 0.03%	SDZ	\$ 9.1936
00002324997	LUMIGAN RC 0.01%	ALL	\$ 11.4080

Vistitan 0.03% is a pharmaceutical alternative which has been designated as interchangeable with Lumigan RC 0.01%. When Lumigan RC 0.01% was initially listed on the *ADBL*, based on evidence submitted by the manufacturer, the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics considered it interchangeable with the original Lumigan 0.03% for purposes of the *ADBL*. Lumigan 0.03% was discontinued in 2013 and subsequently removed from the *ADBL*. Vistitan 0.03% has provided data demonstrating interchangeability with Lumigan 0.03%, thus is considered interchangeable with Lumigan RC 0.01% for purposes of the *ADBL*.

Please note that the *ADBL* is not a prescribing or a diagnostic tool. Prescribers should refer to drug monographs and utilize professional judgment.

### When you have questions:

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at:

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