

Pharmacy Benefact

A BULLETIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

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Importation of German-labelled Timo-Stulln 0.5% ophthalmic solution due to shortage

Due to the shortage of timolol maleate 0.5% ophthalmic eye drops in Canada, Health Canada has allowed the importation of PharmaStulln's German labelled Timo-Stulln 0.5% (timolol maleate) ophthalmic solution.

Please note: a temporary Product Identification Number has been assigned to Timo-Stulln 0.5% ophthalmic solution (PIN: 09858120).

This product is labelled in German; however, translated copies of the label, carton and package leaflet in English and French are provided within McKessons' PharmaClik for your convenience. The translated materials can be accessed by searching TIMOLOL-STULLN, clicking on the magnifying glass icon for the product and looking under the Additional Information tab under Documents.

These materials are also available on the manufacturer's website at www.PharmaStulln.ca/pipeline.

Note that Timo-Stulln 0.5% should not be stored at a temperature above 25 C and should be kept in its original carton to protect it from light.

Temporary Benefit added to the Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

Due to the unavailability of the following products, Timo-Stulln 0.5% ophthalmic solution (Temporary PIN **09858120**) will be considered as a temporary benefit for the *Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)*.

DIN	Product Description
00755834	Apo-Timop 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
02166720	Sandoz Timolol 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
00451207	Timoptic 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution

As of **July 20, 2020**, all claims for the following product will be adjudicated to the price of **\$1.2140 per mL**.

Temporary PIN	Product Description
09858120	Timo-Stulln 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution

Alberta Blue Cross will continue to monitor the availability of the shorted products and potential alternatives, in addition to working with other provinces and territories, manufacturers, and Health Canada to address this shortage and minimize the impact on Albertans.

This product is subject to the usual review process by the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics and must be approved by the Minister of Health to remain as a benefit.

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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