

## Cost-effective brand options For Greenwich Use Only

For mild and moderate dry eyes, patients should be advised to self-care by obtaining the products over the counter, however if clinicians need to prescribe an eye drop under exceptional circumstance, the most cost-effective products should be prescribed, some of the cost-effective brands are listed in the table below.

MILD dry eyes self-care		
BNF presentation	Most Cost-effective brand (Feb 2024) <a href="#">Drug Tariff   NHSBSA</a>	Equivalent/similar product but more expensive
Hypromellose 0.3% preserved/PF	<b>Preservative containing/preserved</b> AproMel eye drops 0.3% AacuLose Hypromellose eye drops 0.3%  <b>Preservative free</b> Evolve Hypromellose 0.3% PF (90) AddTear® Hypromellose 0.3%  (10ml eye drops provides approximately 200 drops)	Hypromellose 0.3% Tearlac 0.3% eye drops, TeardeW 0.3% eye drops
Carmellose 0.5% preserved/PF	<b>Preservative containing/preserved</b> Aqualube Eye Drops 0.5% AaqEye Carmellose eye drops 0.5%  <b>Preservative free:</b> Eyeaze® Carmellose eye drops 0.5% PF (90) VIZcellose 0.5% (90)	Optive Plus 0.5% eye drops Carmize 0.5% eye drops Ocu-Lube Carmellose eye drops 0.5% PF Celluvisc Carmellose 0.5% eye drops
Carbomer 0.2% eye gel preserved/PF	<b>Preservative containing/preserved</b> Clinitas Carbomer 0.2% gel Lumecare Carbomer 0.2% gel  <b>Preservative free</b> Evolve Carbomer 980 PF (90)	Viscotears 2mg/g liquid gel Artelac Nighttime 0.2% Eye Gel Carbomer 0.2% eye gel Ocu-Lube Carbomer 0.2% Eye Gel PF
MODERATE dry eye self-care		
BNF Presentation	Most Cost-effective brand (Feb 2024)	Equivalent/similar product
Carmellose 1% PF	Eyeaze Carmellose Eye Drops 1% PF (90) VIZcellose Eye Drops 1% PF (90) Ophtho-lique® Forte eye drop 1% PF	Ocu-lube 1% eye drops Carmize eye drops 1% Tearvis eye drops 1%
Carbomers 0.2% eye gel preserved/PF	<b>Preservative containing/preserved</b> Clinitas Carbomer 0.2% gel Lumecare Carbomer 0.2% gel  <b>Preservative free</b> Evolve Carbomer 980 PF (90)	Viscotears 2mg/g liquid gel Artelac Nighttime 0.2% Eye Gel Carbomer 0.2% eye gel Ocu-Lube Carbomer 0.2% Eye Gel PF
Eye ointment paraffin based lubricant PF	HydraMed night eye ointment PF (90) Xailin Night Ointment PF HYLO NIGHT® eye ointment PF (180) <i>(5g tube provides approximately 300 applications)</i>	Lacrilube eye ointment PF

<b>SEVERE dry eye not for self care</b>		
<b>BNF Presentation</b>	<b>Most Cost-effective brand (Feb 2024)</b>	<b>Equivalent/similar product</b>
Sodium Hyaluronate 0.2% PF	<p>Hy-Opti 0.1% eye drops PF <b>(180)</b> 👁</p> <p>Hy-Opti 0.2% eye drops PF <b>(180)</b> 👁 (12ml eye drops provides minimum of 420 drops)</p> <p>Aeon Repair 0.15% eye drops PF <b>(90)</b> 👁</p>	<p>Hycosan extra 0.2%</p> <p>Hycosan 0.1%</p> <p>Hylo-fresh 0.03%</p> <p>Hylo-tear 0.1%</p> <p>Hylo-forte 0.2%</p> <p>Hayabak 0.15%</p> <p>Optive fusion 0.1%</p>
Combination products	<p><b>Preservative containing/preserved</b></p> <p>Acetylcysteine 5% and hypromellose 0.3% (Ilube®)</p> <p>Systane® balance eye drops</p> <p>Systane® eye drops</p> <p><b>Preservative free</b></p> <p>Viscotears® Trehalose Duo eye drops PF <b>(180)</b> 👁 (10ml eye drops provides approximately 200 drops)</p> <p>Systane® eye drops unit dose</p>	<p>Thealoz duo eye drops</p> <p>VisuEvo</p>
Eye ointment paraffin based lubricant PF	<p>HydraMed night eye ointment PF <b>(90)</b></p> <p>Xailin Night Ointment PF</p> <p>HYLO NIGHT® eye ointment PF <b>(180)</b> (5g tube provides approximately 300 applications)</p>	<p>Lacrilube eye ointment PF</p>

**Key words:**

**PF – preservative free**

**(90) – can be used for 90 days after opening**

**(180) – can be used for 180 days after opening**

**👁 Suitable for use with contact lenses**

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