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Dorzolamide

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

Limited experience with the use of ophthalmic dorzolamide indicate that it is unlikely to adversely affect the breastfed infant.[1] French guidelines recommend ophthalmic carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drops as a preferred therapy for glaucoma during breastfeeding.[2] To substantially diminish the amount of drug that reaches the breastmilk after using eye drops, place pressure over the tear duct by the corner of the eye for 1 minute or more, then remove the excess solution with an absorbent tissue.

Drug Levels

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Effects in Breastfed Infants

A newborn infant was breastfed during maternal therapy with various combinations of ocular timolol, dipivifrin, dorzolamide, brimonidine and several doses of acetazolamide. Ultimately, the mother was treated with timolol gel-forming solution 0.5% and dorzolamide 2% drops. The drugs were given immediately following breastfeeding with punctal occlusion and no apnea or bradycardia was observed in the infant.[3]

Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Dorzolamide

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Antiglaucoma Agents

Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors