

Information for Pharmacists

**Claims Submission Procedure –
Timolol Maleate Eye Drops 0.5%**

Effective June 8, 2020

Please include this Procedure in your Drug Programs Information Network (DPIN) Manual under Section 4: Claims Submission.

- There is variable supply of Canadian labeled products; all products currently noted as “short” are included in an Appendix to this notice.
- Foreign labeled timolol is available as an alternative to the Canadian labeled product:
 - German Label– Timo-Stulln 0.5%
- Due to these shortages, Manitoba is outlining the following product selection tree. This selection tree is to encourage pharmacy providers to use existing commercial supply while outlining an alternative option if commercial supply of timolol is unavailable:
 1. Canadian labeled product should be dispensed if the pharmacy has inventory on hand or can obtain product through normal distribution channels;
 2. The pharmacy vendor may obtain Canadian labeled product from another provider (e.g. another member within the same chain);
 3. If Canadian labeled product cannot be obtained, then the PIN 06879051 should be used for the dispensing of foreign labeled timolol.
- In order to extend the remaining supply to as many patients and for as long as possible, we strongly encourage pharmacy providers to limit the quantity dispensed to a maximum of 30 days.
- Manitoba will inform pharmacy providers once the shortage has been resolved and the PIN is no longer required and has been withdrawn for coverage.

If your questions are not answered by reviewing the Claims Submission Procedures and FAQs posted at:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/pharmacare/healthprofessionals.html>

Please send an e-mail to PDPIInfoAudit@gov.mb.ca.

Appendix – Timolol Maleate 0.5% – List of DINS

DIN	BRAND NAME	GENERIC	STRENGTH	DOSAGE
00755834	APO-TIMOP	TIMOLOL MALEATE	0.5%	OPH-SOL
02447800	JAMP-TIMOLOL	TIMOLOL MALEATE	0.5%	OPH-SOL
02166720	SANDOZ TIMOLOL	TIMOLOL MALEATE	0.5%	OPH-SOL
00451207	TIMOPTIC	TIMOLOL MALEATE	0.5%	OPH-SOL
*PIN				
06879051	German Label-Timo-Stulln	TIMOLOL MALEATE	0.5%	OPH-SOL

* This PIN is only to be used if and when there is no Canadian labeled product that can be ordered from the distributor and/or from another pharmacy within the same pharmacy chain.