

BrinzoQuin[®]

Eye Drops 1.0%

Brinzolamide

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using BrinzoQuin?

BrinzoQuin contains the active ingredient Brinzolamide. BrinzoQuin is used to treat certain types of eye conditions such as high pressure inside your eye and open angle glaucoma (an eye condition caused by fluid buildup that damages the optic nerve).

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using BrinzoQuin?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use BrinzoQuin?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to BrinzoQuin or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use BrinzoQuin?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with BrinzoQuin and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use BrinzoQuin?

- Follow the instructions provided by your doctor carefully.
- Put one drop of BrinzoQuin in the conjunctival sac of the affected eye(s) twice daily.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use BrinzoQuin?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using BrinzoQuin?

Things you should do	• Remind any doctor, dentist, pharmacist or specialist you visit that you are using BrinzoQuin. • Remove soft contact lenses before using BrinzoQuin. • Tell your doctor immediately if you develop any signs of an allergic reaction.
Things you should not do	• Do not stop using this medicine suddenly. • Do not give BrinzoQuin to anyone else, even if they seem to have the same condition as you. • Do not use BrinzoQuin in children.
Driving or using machines	• BrinzoQuin may cause temporary blurred vision, other visual problems or nervous system problems in some people. • Be careful before you drive or use any machinery or tools.
Looking after your medicine	• Store below 25 °C. • Do not freeze.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using BrinzoQuin?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects include eye pain, dry eye, itchy eye(s), eye irritation, vision problems, increased sensitivity to light, dizziness, blurred vision, feeling that something is in your eye(s), itchy eye(s).

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

BrinzoQuin®

Eye Drops 1.0%

Active ingredient: Brinzolamide

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using BrinzoQuin. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using BrinzoQuin.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

1. [Why am I using BrinzoQuin?](#)
2. [What should I know before I use BrinzoQuin?](#)
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1. Why am I using BrinzoQuin?

BrinzoQuin contains the active ingredient Brinzolamide. It belongs to a class of medicines called Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.

BrinzoQuin is used to treat certain types of eye conditions such as high pressure inside your eye and open angle glaucoma (an eye condition caused by fluid buildup that damages the optic nerve).

BrinzoQuin helps in reducing eye pressure within the eye by reducing the production of fluid.

2. What should I know before I use BrinzoQuin?

Warnings

Do not use BrinzoQuin:

- If you are allergic to Brinzolamide, sulfonamides or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, hives.
- If you have severe kidney disease.
- If you have symptoms such as headache, lack of energy, vomiting and feeling sick.
- in children
- after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the seal around the pack is broken or shows signs of tampering.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other types of Glaucoma

- use carbonic anhydrase inhibitor medicines e.g. Acetazolamide
- take any medicines for any other condition
- suffer from any liver, kidney problems
- have any skin rash, problems with your skin
- have any problems with your cornea.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Your doctor will advise you regarding the possible risks and benefits of using BrinzoQuin during pregnancy.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your doctor will advise you regarding the possible risks and benefits of using BrinzoQuin during breastfeeding.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with BrinzoQuin and affect how it works.

Tell your doctor if you use any of the following medicines:

- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) eg Ibuprofen, Aspirin or high dose of salicylates
- Oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors such as acetazolamide

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect BrinzoQuin.

4. How do I use BrinzoQuin?

How much to use

- Follow the instructions provided and use BrinzoQuin until your doctor tells you to stop.
- Put one drop of BrinzoQuin in the conjunctival sac of the affected eye(s) twice daily.
- If you are being changed from one eye drop to another, follow your doctor's instructions carefully as to when to stop the old drops and when to start the new drops.

When to use BrinzoQuin

- BrinzoQuin should be used at about the same time every day unless your doctor tells you otherwise.

How to use BrinzoQuin

- Sitting or a lying down position might make the process simpler.
- Remove contact lenses if you are wearing them before using the eye drops.
- Shake the bottle well prior to use.
- **Follow the steps below to use BrinzoQuin:**
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Before using a bottle for the first time, break the safety seal around the neck area and throw the loose plastic ring away.
- Remove the cap from the bottle.
- After the cap is removed, if the tamper evident snap collar is loose, it should be removed before using the product.
- Mix the contents of the bottle by inverting 5 to 10 times.
- Hold the bottle upside down in one hand between your thumb and middle finger (refer diagram 1).

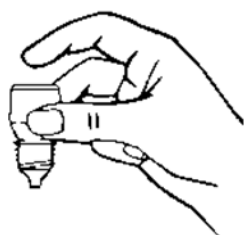


Diagram 1

- Tilt your head back, gently pull down the lower eyelid of your eye to form a pouch/pocket.
- Place the tip of the bottle close to your eye. Do not touch the tip to your eye as this may cause injury to the eye.
- Do not touch the dropper tip to eyelid or surrounding areas or any surface to avoid contamination of the dropper tip and solution.
- Release one drop into the pouch/pocket formed between your eye and eyelid by gently tapping or pressing the base of the bottle with your forefinger (refer diagrams 2 and 3).



Diagram 2



Diagram 3

- Gently close your eye(s) for 2 minutes. Do not blink or rub your eye(s).
- When your eye is closed, place your index finger against the inside corner of your eye and press against your nose for about two minutes. This will help to prevent the medicine from draining through the tear duct to the nose and throat, from where it can be absorbed into other parts of your body and may result in less side effects.
- This will also help to prevent the unpleasant taste sensation that some people experience while using these eye drops.
- If necessary, repeat the above steps for the other eye.
- You may feel initial discomfort or a slight burning sensation in the eye shortly after using BrinzoQuin. If it continues, or is uncomfortable, contact your doctor or pharmacist.
- If you want to use any other eye drops wait at least 5 minutes after using BrinzoQuin. Eye ointments should be used last.
- It is normal for a small amount of eye drops to spill onto your cheek since your eyelids can only hold less than one drop at a time. Wipe away any spillage with a tissue.
- Replace the cap on the bottle and close it tightly.
- Always keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.
- Wash your hands again with soap and water to remove any residue.
- Wait for 15 minutes before putting in your contact lenses.
- Discard BrinzoQuin eye drops 4 weeks after opening it.

If you forget to use BrinzoQuin

BrinzoQuin should be used regularly at the same time each day. If you miss your dose at the usual time, use the drops as soon as you remember and then go back to using them as told by your doctor.

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.

If you use too much BrinzoQuin

If you think that you have used too much BrinzoQuin, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or

- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

If you accidentally use several BrinzoQuin Eye Drops in your eyes, immediately wash your eyes with warm tap water.

5. What should I know while using BrinzoQuin?

Things you should do

- Do not put BrinzoQuin into your eye(s) while wearing contact lenses.
- Remove the soft contact lenses before using BrinzoQuin. Benzalkonium chloride, one of the ingredients may cause eye irritation and is known to discolour soft contact lenses.
- Put your lenses back in 15 minutes after using the eye drops.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- develop any signs of allergic reaction.
- become pregnant, plan to become pregnant or if you are breast feeding while using BrinzoQuin.
- have severe kidney diseases.
- develop a skin rash, hives or other skin problems while on treatment with BrinzoQuin.

Remind any doctor, dentist, pharmacist or specialist you visit that you are using BrinzoQuin.

Things you should not do

- Do not stop using this medicine suddenly.
- Do not use BrinzoQuin in children.
- Do not give BrinzoQuin to anyone else, even if they seem to have the same condition as you.
- Do not touch the dropper tip to any surface.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how BrinzoQuin affects you.

BrinzoQuin may cause temporary blurred vision or other visual problems in some people.

If blurred vision occurs when you use BrinzoQuin, wait until your vision clears before driving or using machinery.

BrinzoQuin may also cause nervous system problems in some people. Be careful as it may affect your ability to drive or use machines.

Looking after your medicine

- Store below 25°C.
- Do not freeze.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

When to discard your medicine

Discard BrinzoQuin 4 weeks after opening.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
Eye Problems: • Tired eyes • Vision problems • Swollen eyelids, redness, thickening, and flaky or scaly crusting along the eyelids and eyelashes • Increased sensitivity to light • Eye irritation • White colour deposits on the skin around the eyes or within the eye (Medication residue) • Difficulty seeing in the presence of bright light • Dizziness • Vision blurred • Eye pain • Dry eye • Itchy eye(s) • Eye discharge • Uncomfortable feeling in eye(s) • Pain in the eye, blurred vision, redness of the eye(s) • Eye strain • Swelling around one or both eyes • Redness of the eye(s) • Watering of the eye(s). • Excessive secretion of tears from the eye(s) • Taste disturbance or loss of taste • Feeling that something is in your eye(s)	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Less serious side effects	What to do
- Eye numbness. Stomach problems: - Dry mouth - Feeling sick - Decreased appetite Skin problems: - Hives General problems: - Throat irritation - Headache	

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
Eye problems: - Eye pain, redness, eye sensitivity - Double vision Other problems: - Buzzing, hissing, whistling, ringing or other persistent noise in the ears - Bleeding nose	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What BrinzoQuin contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Brinzolamide
Other ingredients	Mannitol, carbomer 974P, sodium chloride, tyloxapol,

(inactive ingredients)	disodium edetate, sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment), purified water and benzalkonium chloride.
Potential allergens	NA

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What BrinzoQuin looks like

BrinzoQuin Eye Drops 1.0% is a white to off-white, uniform suspension which is available in LDPE bottle dispenser. Pack sizes: 1 x 5 mL and 1 x 10 mL.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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Who distributes BrinzoQuin

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