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**MINISTRY FOR HEALTH, THE ELDERLY AND COMMUNITY CARE**

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**Attention all** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses

**Re: Beta Blocker - preservative free eye drops**

Kindly note that due to the discontinuation of Metipranolol 0.1% minims eye drops by their manufacturers Bausch and Lomb, open specifications have been adopted for the procurement of beta blocker preservative free eye drops. Currently, GHPS has procured Levobunolol minims through these open specifications.

The protocol (No. 127, attached) has been updated to reflect such changes.

Thank you

For your attention, please

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## **Beta-blocker preservative-free eye drops**

**Prescriber Criteria:** Consultant Ophthalmologist

**Out-patient and In-patient use:**

Glaucoma

Reserved for first-line treatment of glaucoma in patients allergic to preservatives.

**Duration of approval:**

1 year