

**DH CIRCULAR No.388/2012**
DH 3761/201229th October 2012**Attention All:** Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses**Re: Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors eye drops**

It is being brought to your attention that the new stock of carbonic anhydrase inhibitors eye drops to be available within the National Health Services will be dorzolamide (Trusopt[®]) eye drops. Dorzolamide eye drops will be dispensed once the stocks of the currently available brinzolamide (Azopt[®]) eye drops are exhausted.

Switch over is to be automatic upon presentation of prescription and patients do not need to be sent back to their consultant.

Dorzolamide (Trusopt[®]) and brinzolamide (Azopt[®]) both belong to the carbonic anhydrase inhibitors class. This class of pharmaceuticals is used in the treatment of elevated intra-ocular pressure.

For your attention, please

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