

Restasis Eye Drop Side Effects

Side effects of RESTASIS - The most common side effect is a temporary burning sensation. Other side effects include eye redness, discharge, watery eyes, eye pain, foreign body sensation, itching, stinging, and blurred vision. RESTASIS Eye Drops (Ophthalmic Emulsion) should not be used by patients with active eye infections and has not been studied in patients with a history of herpes viral infections of the eye. What is Chronic Dry Eye? Chronic Dry Eye, sometimes called Dry Eye Disease or Dry Eye Syndrome, is known by its scientific name keratoconjunctivitis sicca. It is a common condition that can result in inflammation on both the eye surface as well as the tear-producing glands. Over time, inflammation can decrease the eye's ability to produce tears that protect the surface of the eye and keep it moist and lubricated. This, in turn, can lead to damage to the eye's surface. If left untreated, severe forms of the condition can lead to more serious problems, including increased risk of infection and possibly vision impairment. What do artificial tears do? Artificial tears can provide temporary symptom relief from Chronic Dry Eye and help lubricate eyes. But they do not increase your natural ability to produce tears, which may be reduced by inflammation due to Chronic Dry Eye. How long will I have to use Restasis? At present, there is no cure for Chronic Dry Eye. You receive benefits from RESTASIS Ophthalmic Emulsion as long as you continue its use. Always consult with your eye doctor before discontinuing use.

Can RESTASIS be used with contact lenses? Restasis should not be used while wearing contact lenses. Patients with decreased tear production typically should not wear contact lenses. If contact lenses are worn, they should be removed prior to using RESTASIS®. Lenses may be reinserted 15 minutes following administration of RESTASIS® Ophthalmic Emulsion.

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