Patient information leaflet

Tropicamide (1%) eye drops

Why do I need drops in my eyes?

The drops will make your pupils larger than normal. This will help us to see the back of your eye clearly.

What will I notice?

- Drops can take up to 15 to 30 minutes to work.
- Your vision may stay blurry for up to 6 hours.
- This may make tasks such as driving, cycling or using heavy machines dangerous.

It will not be safe to drive until your vision returns to normal.

Are there any side effects?

Bigger pupils may make your eyes sensitive to light and your vision may be blurry. Rarely, the drops can cause a rise in pressure of the eye. Symptoms of this are:

- Pain or severe discomfort in or around the eye
- Marked redness of the white of the eye
- Blurry vision that does not get better or gets worse after a few hours.

If you have any of these symptoms, you should go to an Accident and Emergency Department taking this leaflet with you