



Tobramycin 0.3% Eye Ointment (Tobrex®)

The Issue: Tobramycin 0.3% eye ointment x 3.5g tubes is on backorder from the only manufacturer in Canada.

NH Stock Status: NH has very little remaining supply at this time.

Anticipated Availability: Mid to late January 2021.

Practice Implications: Clinicians should be aware of this shortage and prescribe alternative products as clinically appropriate for ocular infections. Tobramycin 0.3% eye drops remain available at this time.

Alternatives*:

Brand Name*	Ingredients
Tobrex® eye drops	tobramycin 0.3%
Tobradex® eye drops	tobramycin 0.3% and dexamethasone 0.1%
Tobradex® eye ointment	
Maxitrol® eye drops	dexamethasone 0.1%, neomycin 3.5 mg/mL, polymyxin B sulfate 6000 IU/mL
Maxitrol® eye ointment	dexamethasone 0.1%, neomycin 3.5 mg/g, polymyxin B sulfate 6000 IU/g
Polysporin® eye drops	polymyxin B 10,000 IU/mL and gramicidin 0.025mg/mL

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	Drug Discontinuation		
	Medication Change		
	Best Practice		

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