



White Petrolatum 57.3%/Mineral Oil 42.5% Ophthalmic Ointment (Refresh Lacrilube®)

The Issue: All brands of preservative-free ophthalmic ointment for dry eyes continue to be intermittently available.

Anticipated Availability: The primary brand, Refresh Lacrilube®, has an unknown availability at this time. Alternative options are intermittently available.

Practice Implications:

- Staff and clinicians should be aware of this shortage and note the differing ingredient concentrations, dependent upon brand.
- Staff may see various alternatives stocked at their sites based on availability throughout this ongoing shortage.

Alternatives*:

- DuoLube® – white petrolatum 80%/mineral oil 20% ophthalmic ointment (preservative-free)
- Systane® Nighttime – white petrolatum 94%/mineral oil 3%/lanolin 3% ophthalmic ointment (preservative-free)

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*Alternatives are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.