







# EVALUATION OF THE USE, ADHERENCE AND TOLERANCE OF 0.03% TACROLIMUS EYE DROPS

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#### **BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANCE:**

Tacrolimus is a widely used immunosuppressant in many ophthalmic diseases. Its mechanism of action is the inhibition of calcineurin phosphatases, which inhibits the first phase of T-cell activation, which leads to a decrease in inflammatory activity. In Spain, no eye drops are commercialized, so its formulation as a pharmaceutical compounding in Hospital Pharmacy services is necessary.

### **AIM AND OBJECTIVES:**

To evaluate the use, adherence and tolerance of 0.03% tacrolimus eye drops pharmaceutical compounding.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

- ✓ Retrospective observational study.
- ✓ January-2017 to March-2020.
- $\checkmark$  Patients treated with 0.03% tacrolimus eye drops.

Recording:

- Demographic data: sex and age.
- Clinical data: pathology, duration, adherence and tolerance.





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Adherence was measured by registration of dispensations, classifying as the highest level of adherence has no delay in dispensing, as well as by follow-up controls by Ophthalmology service.

## **RESULTS**:

Demographic data:	Mean	Uses of 0,03% tacrolimus eye drops	Tolerance of 0,03% tacrolimus eye	
54 patients	duration:		drops	
57.14% men	1.8±1.0	49% for atopic or vernal keratoconjunctivitis.	100 %	
32.70±21.8	years.	61,80 %	80 %	
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#### **CONCLUSION AND RELEVANCE:**

Tacrolimus eye drops are used primarily for the treatment of vernal or atopic keratoconjunctivitis. Adherence was generally correct and the formulation has been well tolerated by most of the patients.