Adverse events
Increased intraocular pressure has been reported after use of the Healon GV OVD:
- Increased intraocular pressure is likely to occur if the Healon GV OVD is not removed as completely as possible. Clinical judgement concerning the use of this product should be considered in cases where thorough removal may not be possible. The precautions noted above should be taken to manage any increased postoperative intraocular pressure and to reduce the likelihood of occurrence of related postoperative complications such as optic neuropathy, pupillary stenosis and dilation, and iritis synechiae.

Rarely, postoperative inflammatory reactions (iritis, hypopyon, endophthalmitis) following the use of sodium hyaluronate, as well as incidents of corneal edema and corneal decompensation, have been reported. Their relationship to sodium hyaluronate has not been established.

How supplied
The Healon GV OVD is a sterile, non-sterile, viscoelastic preparation supplied in disposable 0.85 mL and 0.55 mL glass syringes. Each mL of the Healon GV OVD contains:
- 14 mg sodium hyaluronate 7000
- 8.5 mg sodium chloride
- 0.38 mg sodium hydroxide
- 0.04 mg sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate
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- q.s. water for injection USP

The Healon GV OVD syringes are terminally sterilized and aseptically packaged.

Preparation and storage
Refrigerated Healon GV OVD should be held at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes before use. Protect from freezing and exposure to light.

For intraocular use.

Store between 2 to 8°C (36 to 46°F).

Definition of symbols on cannula, syringe-, blister label and carton.

Sterile opening technique
Tear off the paper covering.
Dislodge syringe and place onto sterile field.

Assembly
Press the vial completely into the holder so that the needle perforates the membrane.

Important
Perforate the membrane before screwing on the plastic rod.

Remove the plastic rod.
Screw the plastic rod into the blue plunger.
Connect the cannula and check for proper function.

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