

Nice Eyelashes

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So the FDA has just given the a-ok to Latisse, a new prescription dab-on to give you longer and prettier eyelashes. It's manufactured by the same people who make Botox, and like Botox, Latisse may be useful for people with medical problems -- in this case for those who need eyelashes. Yet the main use is expected to be cosmetic- like Botox.

Now here's the admission- I used this stuff for about 7 years.. or at least its original form- the glaucoma drug Lumigan. And boy, did my eyelashes get nice and long. I could have been an eyelash model (as long as they didnt show the rest of my mug)

So when the company made Lumigan and realized one of its side effects was eyelash growth, it must have realized it had a cosmetic bonanza on it's hands. The new stuff is supposed to be safe without the side effects of the Lumigan product... it's only about 5% of the strength. On the other hand, let me tell you about Lumigan- a product that worked great to lower my intraocular pressure- or pressure inside my eyeball: it made my corneas swell so my vision was blurred; my eyes always looked red; and my green eyes started to turn a little brown.

Now this new stuff isnt supposed to do this, once again, it's lower strength plus it's dabbed on the lids, not used as drops in the eyes.

So if you decide to use it, you'll need a prescription, insurance won't cover it- but you might like the way your eyelashes look. By the way, i don't use this product any longer- and my lashes have now shrunken to normal size.