Ocular tissue regeneration with serum and platelet rich plasma
COL® system with PRP or serum: a unique solution in Ophthalmology

Biomed Device helps improve patient care with its innovative products and intelligent solutions for the preparation and preservation of eye drops with blood components, such as serum and platelet rich plasma (PRP).

The COL® System for Ophthalmology has been specifically designed by Biomed Device to offer a complete and simple to use system for ocular pathologies and trauma.

Biomed Device’s clinical know-how permits us to reach excellence in the preparation, delivery and preservation of blood components, and to continually progress towards new and groundbreaking advances.

How do blood components work in Ophthalmology

Human blood contains serum and platelets, rich in growth factors, which actively participate both in maintaining normal eye activity and in damaged tissue repair. It is successfully used in treating both acute and chronic diseases, as well as dry-eyes disorders.

Ocular chronic diseases
COL® is used for the administration of serum eye drops with chemical, trophic and physical characteristics similar to human tears. This natural tears substitute is used in treatment of chronic and dry-eye related ocular disorders.

Ocular tissue damage and disorders
Growth factors found in PRP permit accelerated tissue regeneration, by using a small amount of patient’s own blood. Biomed Device, with its COL® product line, offers an innovative and unique solution during reconstruction, remodeling and treatment of the ocular surface.
COL® is a closed and sterile certified system for serum and PRP eye drops

The most important applications for use of eye drops obtained with COL® include the following:

- Corneal lesions and dystrophy
- Neurotrophic keratopathy
- Superficial punctuate keratitis
- Keratopathy with loss of epithelial - stromal tissue resulting from chemical or physical traumas
- Sicca Syndrome or Sjögren’s Syndrome
- Severe dry eye-related ocular surface disorders
- Ocular GvHD
- Recurrent erosion syndrome

COL® system is the first dedicated, certified, closed and sterile circuit for the collection, conservation and application of autologous blood components for ophthalmic use. All the COL® line products are covered by international industrial patents.

**COL® is a closed, sterile high performance dedicated system, easy to use for cryoconservation.**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF COL® SYSTEMS:**

- Filling line suitable for most connection systems.
- The kit includes thermal container for safe transport of blood components.
Preparation of autologous blood components with Eye Drops Bags and COL®

SERUM EYE DROPS: FOR EXTENDED USE IN CHRONIC DISEASES

BLOOD WITHDRAW INTO THE 1ST BAG, LEFT IT TO COAGULATE  
TRANSFER SERUM TO THE 2ND BAG THROUGH THE FILTER AND DILUTE IT WITH SALINE FISIOLOGIC SOLUTION OR BALANCED SALINE SOLUTION  
TRANSFER TO COL® AND SEAL IT

EYE DROPS WITH PRP FOR OCULAR TISSUE REGENERATION

BLOOD WITHDRAW INTO VACUUM TUBE WITH ACD  
1ST CENTRIFUGE: LOW SPEED  
HARVEST PLASMA AND PRP

2ND CENTRIFUGE MEDIUM - HIGH SPEED  
REMOVE PLASMA IN ECESS AND RESUSPEND HIGH CONCENTRATED PRP TO OBTAIN THE FINAL PRODUCT READY TO BE USED OR DILUTE WITH SALINE FISIOLOGIC SOLUTION OR BALANCED SALINE SOLUTION. TRANSFER TO COL.

The entire process of PRP preparation should be carried out in a clean and sterile place with aseptic technique.
Rationale of use

**EYE DROPS WITH SERUM**

**Human tears** are rich in "natural unique elements" and growth factors, such as vitamins, fibronectin, cytokines, albumin, important for maintaining a healthy corneal and conjunctival epithelium. These components cannot be found in **artificial tear preparations** which often contain preservatives, stabilizers and other additives, which potentially induce allergic reactions. **Eye drops from autologous serum** resolve these drawbacks with their tear-like biochemical characteristics and supply nutritional components (Table I). Therefore it is used "not only to humidify the eye surface, but also to provide nutritional and growth factors necessary to maintain cellular feasibility in the epithelial repair processes, and bactericide components which reduce the risk of contamination and infection". *¹

**COMPARATIVE CONCENTRATIONS OF TEARS AND AUTOLOGOUS SERUM OF THE MAIN EPITHELIOOTRPHIC FACTORS**

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**EYE DROPS WITH PRP: PHYSIOLOGICAL PROCESS**

Platelets provide a variable pattern of biomolecules actively participating in each phase of tissue repair. The process starts from an initial phase of propagation of the inflammatory process to the next phase of cell recall and finally to the release of growth factors (GF). These then trigger mechanisms such as proliferation, differentiation and angiogenesis, leading to wound healing (Fig. 1). PRP regenerating effect is largely related to the presence of growth factors: DGF (Platelet Derived Growth Factor); TGF (Transforming Growth Factor); VEGF (Vascular endothelial growth factor); EGF (Epidermal Growth Factor); FGF (Fibroblast Growth Factor); IGF (Insulin - like Growth Factor).

PRP acts on **inflammation and tissue regeneration** during the healing process (Fig. 2). Wound healing time is reduced, with the consequent **reduction of pain** and **an improvement of recovery** (Fig. 3).
Biomed System range of products

- PRP BASIC PREPARATION KIT SYSTEMS
- PRP CENTRIFUGE AND LAB EQUIPMENT
- COL® OPHTHALMOLOGY LINE
- EYE DROP BAGS FOR SERUM PREPARATION

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