### Pilocarpine

**Indication** | Acute angle closure with pupillary block  
**Medicine type** | Chemical agent  
**List type** | Core  
**Formulations** | Local > Ophthalmological > Solution (eye drops): 2% (hydrochloride or nitrate); 4% (hydrochloride or nitrate)  
**EML status history** | First added in 1977 (TRS 615)  
Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)  
Changed in 1984 (TRS 722)  
Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)  
**Sex** | All  
**Age** | Adolescents and adults  
**Therapeutic alternatives** | Carbachol (ATC codes: S01EB02)  
**Patent information** | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
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**Wikipedia** | Pilocarpine  
**DrugBank** | Pilocarpine

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended carbachol be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for pilocarpine on the EML.