### Tetracycline

**Section:** 6. Anti-infective medicines > 6.2. Antibacterials > 6.2.1. Access group antibiotics

**Indication:** Bacterial infection of unspecified site  
**ICD11 code:** 1C81

**INN:** Tetracycline  
**Medicine type:** Chemical agent  
**Antibiotic groups:** ACCESS

**List type:** Core

**Formulations:** Oral > Solid: 250 mg (hydrochloride)

**EML status history:**  
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)  
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)  
- Removed in 1995 (TRS 867)

**Sex:** All  
**Age:** Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives:** Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

**Patent information:** Patents have expired in most jurisdictions  
Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia:** Tetracycline

**DrugBank:** Tetracycline

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Tetracycline was deleted from the EML since doxycycline has a more favourable pharmacokinetic profile. A square box was added to the listing for doxycycline.