

[Tetracycline](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [J01AA07](#)

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

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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.