

# Tetracycline

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN  
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: [J01AA07](#)

Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site <span>ICD11 code: <a href="#">1C81</a></span>
INN	Tetracycline
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	<span>A ACCESS</span>
List type	Core
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 250 mg (hydrochloride)
EML status history	First added in 1977 ( <a href="#">TRS 615</a> ) Changed in 1979 ( <a href="#">TRS 641</a> ) Removed in 1995 ( <a href="#">TRS 867</a> )
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . <a href="#">↗</a>
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Tetracycline</a> <a href="#">↗</a>
DrugBank	<a href="#">Tetracycline</a> <a href="#">↗</a>

## 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.

