




		EMLc	ATC codes: S01HA03
Indication	Local anaesthetics	ICD11 code: XM7Y85	
INN	Tetracaine		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core		
Formulations	Local > Ophthalmological > Solution (eye drops): 0.5% (hydrochloride)		
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)		
Sex	All		
Age	Also recommended for children		
Age restriction	Not in preterm neonates.		
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used		
Therapeutic alternatives limitations	Therapeutic alternatives are medicines in the 4th level ATC chemical subgroup S01HA Local anaesthetics (excluding cocaine and combinations)		
Therapeutic alternatives limitations for EMLc	Therapeutic alternatives are medicines in the 4th level ATC chemical subgroup S01HA Local anaesthetics (excluding cocaine and combinations)		
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more <a href="#">about patents.</a> 		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Tetracaine</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Tetracaine</a> 		

## Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended that medicines in 4th level ATC chemical subgroup, S01HA Local anaesthetics (excluding cocaine and combinations), be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for tetracaine on the EML and EMLc.

