### Pilocarpine

**Indication**  
Primary open-angle glaucoma  
**ICD11 code:** 9C81.0

**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
  - Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**  
Pilocarpine

**DrugBank**  
Pilocarpine

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**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.