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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [S01EB01](#)

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

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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.