

Medication: Topical Anaesthetic Eye Drops	PDN: 6981.02	Last Updated: May 9, 2013	PMD: Andrew Travers*	PDC: Steven Carrigan*	Page 1 of 1
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TOPICAL ANAESTHETIC EYE DROPS

1.0 Classification

- Member of the xylocaine class of medications

2.0 Mechanism of Action

- Topical ophthalmic anesthetic

3.0 Indications

- To allow flushing of the eye or for ocular pain

4.0 Contraindications

- Known hypersensitivity to local anesthetics
- Possible penetrating injury

5.0 Precautions

- As tetracaine removes the patient's blink reflex, they may not be able to protect from other debris

6.0 Route

- Administered directly onto the eye

7.0 Dosage

Adult and Pediatric

- 2-3 drops in the affected eye(s)

8.0 Supplied

- Single dose polyamps

9.0 May Be Given By

- PCP/ICP/ACP/CCP

10.0 Adverse effects

- Brief increase in eye irritation

11.0 Special notes

- Pregnancy category C [if the patient will benefit from a Category C drug, it is generally used]

12.0 References

- EENT + Dental Emergencies Clinical Practice Guideline
- Toxicological Emergencies Clinical Practice Guideline

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