

TETRACAINE HYDROCHLORIDE

PHARMACOLOGY & MECHANISM OF ACTIONS:

- ❑ Local anesthetic
- ❑ Topical anesthetics stabilize the neuronal membrane and prevent the initiation and transmission of nerve impulses, thereby effecting local anesthesia.
- ❑ The onset of anesthesia usually begins within 20 seconds and lasts up to 15 minutes

INDICATIONS:

- ❑ Procedures in which a topical anesthesia is desired, such as removal of foreign bodies or chemical exposure

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- ❑ Allergy to Tetracaine

ADMINISTRATION:

	ADULT	PEDIATRIC	
PARAMEDIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ One or two drops in the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Same as Adult	PARAMEDIC

PRECAUTIONS & SIDE EFFECTS:

- ❑ Transient symptoms (stinging, burning, redness)

SPECIAL NOTES:

- ❑ Pregnancy Category C
- ❑ Prolonged use may result in a diminished duration of anesthesia and retarded wound healing
- ❑ The patient should be advised not to touch or rub eye(s) until the effect of the anesthetic has worn off
- ❑ Do not use the ophthalmic solution if it contains crystals, is cloudy, or if discolored