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:

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<td>One or two drops in the eye</td>
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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