

Administration
PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION (PGD) FOR

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS
Trust

Tetracaine (Amethocaine) Hydrochloride minims 1% (POM)

**YOU MUST BE AUTHORISED BY NAME, UNDER THE CURRENT VERSION OF THIS PGD BEFORE
 YOU ATTEMPT TO WORK ACCORDING TO IT**

Clinical Condition	
Indication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of the eye. • Removal of foreign bodies from the eye. • To facilitate eye irrigation.
Inclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients who require examination of the eye and are unable to open eye • Patients who require removal of corneal foreign bodies.
Exclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premature babies. • Potential perforation of the orbit. • Acutely infected eye. • Known allergy to the drug
Cautions/Seek further advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breastfeeding – no data available about secretion in breast milk • Not to be used with contact lenses in situ. • Not to be used repetitively as an analgesic. • May be washed away with sterile saline solution.
Action if patient declines or is excluded	Refer to supervising doctor/receiving facility as appropriate. Document refusal or action taken in patient's records.
Drug Details	
Name, form & strength of medicine	Tetracaine (Amethocaine) Hydrochloride minims 1%
Route/Method	One drop into the eye(s).
Dosage	One drop
Frequency	Once only
Duration of treatment	One only
Maximum or minimum treatment period	Once only
Quantity to administer	One drop
Side effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May sting • Anaesthesia may last for several hours • Can give rise to dermatitis in sensitive patients - if problematic contact GP.
Advice to patient/carer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May sting • Anaesthesia may last for several hours • Can give rise to dermatitis in sensitive patients - if problematic contact GP. • Can wear contact lenses after 2 hours • Advice on wearing eye pad if appropriate • Patients should not work in any potential hazardous environment for at least 6 hours.

Date approved: 08/11/2023
 Medicines Safety Committee
 Ref : DA/AE/02

08/11/2026 Expiry date:

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Follow up	N/A
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Staff Characteristics	
Professional qualifications	Registered Nurse or Paramedic with a current registration and working in Urgent Care
Specialist competencies or qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient leading to diagnosis that requires treatment according to the indications listed in this PGD Has undertaken appropriate training for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines
Continuing education & training	The practitioner should be aware of any change to the recommendations for the medicine listed. It is the responsibility of the individual to keep up-to-date with continued professional development.

Referral Arrangements and Audit Trail	
Referral arrangements	To GP or Ophthalmology as necessary
Records/audit trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient's name, address, date of birth and consent given Contact details of GP (if registered) Diagnosis Dose and form administered Advice given to patient (including side effects) Signature/name of staff who administered or supplied the medication, and also, if relevant, signature/name of staff who removed/discontinued the treatment Details of any adverse drug reaction and actions taken including documentation in the patient's medical record Referral arrangements (including self-care)

References/Resources and comments	Notes: SPC – Summary of Product Characteristics BNF – British National Formulary
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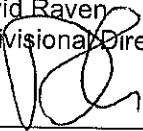
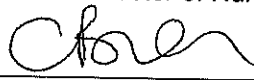

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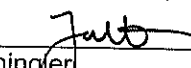


This patient group direction must be agreed to and signed by all health care professionals involved in its use. The Trust Pharmacy Department will hold the original signed copy. The PGD must be easily accessible in the clinical setting

Organisation	Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
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Clinical Authorisation

Lead Doctor	Name: David Raven Position: Divisional Director Urgent Care Signature:  Date: 13/12/23
Lead Nurse/Allied Health Professional	Name: Clare Bush Position: Divisional Director of Nursing Urgent Care Signature:  Date: 8.12.2023
Lead Pharmacist	Name: Tina Evans Position: Team Lead Pharmacist for Urgent Care Signature:  Date: 11.1.24

Organisational Authorisation

Chief Medical Officer	Name: Christine Blanshard <i>pp w ATON ACMO</i> Signature:  Date: 29/1/24
Chief Nursing Officer	Name: Sarah Shingler Signature:  Date: 24/1/24
Director of Pharmacy	Name: Tania Carruthers Signature:  Date: 23/3/24

Patient Group Direction Peer Reviewed by

Name	Position	Date

