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Tetracaine

Pharmacological Category: Local Anesthetic; Local Anesthetic, Ophthalmic

Indications:

1. Eye pain relief related to chemical exposure and subsequent eye irrigation.

Contraindications:

1. Hypersensitivity to anesthetics
2. Large area application
3. Infants < 1 year old

Precautions:

1. Patient should not rub eyes after administration

Expected effects:

1. Numbing of eye

Side effects:

1. Burning
2. Irritation
3. Rash

Notes:

1. Tetracaine is an MCA optional medication and may not be available.

Dosing: POISONING/OVERDOSE/ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE

Adults and Pediatrics administer:

1. Tetracaine, 1-2 drops per eye every 5 minutes, maximum of 5 doses

Dosing: CHEMICAL EXPOSURE

Adults and Pediatrics administer:

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Used in the Following Protocols:

Poisoning/Overdose/Environmental Exposure (Section 2 Trauma and Environmental)
Chemical Exposure (Section 10 Special Operations)