

# Chapter 18: Eye Conditions



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AFFORDABLE MEDICINES DIRECTORATE  
ESSENTIAL DRUGS PROGRAMME

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PRIMARY HEALTHCARE STANDARD TREATMENT  
GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST  
2020-4 REVIEW CYCLE



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## EVIDENCE

Please access the National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC) report for detailed evidence (including rationale, references and costings) informing decision-making on medicine addition, amendments and deletions:

- Knowledge Hub: <https://knowledgehub.health.gov.za/elibrary/hospital-level-adults-standard-treatment-guidelines-stgs-and-essential-medicines-list-eml>
- NHI webpage: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/>

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# Medicine Amendments



## DESCRIPTION

18.1.1 Conjunctivitis, Allergic

### Medicine/ Management

**OXYMETAZOLINE, Eye drops**

**OLOPATIDINE, Eye Drops**

### Decision

Amended

Dose amended to 1 drop 6 hourly

Not Added(on TI database)



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# Medicine Amendments continued



## DESCRIPTION

18.1.2 Conjunctivitis, Bacterial

**Medicine/ Management**

**PARACETAMOL, Oral**

**Decision**

**Amended**

Paracetamol, oral, 500mg -1 g 4–6 hourly when required (to a maximum of 4 g in 24 hours)

## DESCRIPTION

18.1.3 Conjunctivitis of the newborn

**Medicine/ Management**

**CEFTRIAXONE, IM**

**Decision**

**Dose retained**



# Medicine Amendments continued



## DESCRIPTION

18.1.4 Conjunctivitis, Viral (Pink Eye)

## Medicine/ Management

**PARACETAMOL, Oral**

## Decision

**Amended**

Paracetamol, oral, 500mg -1 g 4–6 hourly when required (to a maximum of 4 g in 24 hours)



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# Medicine Amendments continued



## DESCRIPTION

18.3.1 Eye Injury, Chemical Burn

### Medicine/ Management

**OXYBUPROCAINE 0.4%,  
Ophthalmic solution**

**TETRACINE 1%, Ophthalmic  
Solution**

### Decision

Retained

Added to the TI database



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# Medicine Amendments continued



## DESCRIPTION

18.3.2 Eye Injury, Foreign Bodies

### Medicine/ Management

### Decision

**CHLORAMPHENICOL 1%,  
Ophthalmic ointment**

Added

**OXYBUPROCAINE 0.4%,  
Ophthalmic solution**

Retained

**TETRACINE 1%, Ophthalmic  
Solution**

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# Thank you

<https://www.knowledgehub.org.za/content/standard-treatment-guidelines-and-essential-medicines-list>



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