



Drug Shortage

Acetylcholine chloride 10 mg/mL ophthalmic drops

The Issue: Acetylcholine chloride 10 mg/mL (Miochol®-E) ophthalmic drops are on backorder with no alternative vendors.

Anticipated Availability: Estimated mid to end of February 2019 (to be confirmed with vendor).

Clinical Use: Acetylcholine chloride 10 mg/mL ophthalmic drops are used in ophthalmic surgeries (e.g. cataract surgery) for miosis.

Practice Implications: NH only has enough stock to last until end of February based on historical usage and not enough supply to support new requests.

Potential Alternatives:**

Carbachol (Miostat®) 0.01% ophthalmic drops is a potential alternative; however, onset of action may NOT be comparable to acetylcholine chloride 10 mg/mL ophthalmic drops when rapid miosis is desired.

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