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Pharmacokinetics
Ethylene glycol is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract and is metabolised, chiefly in the liver, by alcohol dehydrogenase. Its breakdown products account for its toxicity and include aldehydes, glycolate, lactate, and oxalate.

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Uses
Ethylene glycol is commonly encountered in antifreeze solutions and has been used illicitly to sweeten some wines. Diethylene glycol has been used similarly.

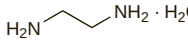
Ethylenediamine

Edamine *(USAN, pINN)*; Edamina; Édamine; Edaminum; Ethylendiamin; Ethylendiaminum; Éthylènediamine; Etilén-diamin; Etilendiaminas; Etyleenidiamiini; Etylendiamin; Etylenodiamina.

Эдамин

$C_2H_8N_2$ = 60.10.

CAS — 107-15-3 (anhydrous ethylenediamine); 6780-13-8 (ethylenediamine monohydrate).



(ethylenediamine hydrate)

Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii), *Jpn*, and *US*.
Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Ethylenediamine). A clear, colourless or slightly yellow, hygroscopic liquid. On exposure to air, white fumes are evolved. On heating it evaporates completely. Miscible with water and with alcohol. Store in airtight containers. Protect from light.
USP 31 (Ethylenediamine). A clear, colourless or only slightly yellow liquid having an ammonia-like odour. It is strongly alkaline and may readily absorb carbon dioxide from the air to form a non-volatile carbonate. Miscible with water and with alcohol. Store in well-filled, airtight, glass containers.

Adverse Effects
Ethylenediamine is irritant to the skin and to mucous membranes. Severe exfoliative dermatitis has been reported after systemic use of preparations containing ethylenediamine. Hypersensitivity reactions are common. Concentrated solutions cause skin burns. Headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, nausea, and vomiting have also been reported after exposure to fumes. Ethylenediamine splashed onto the skin or eyes should be removed by flooding with water for a prolonged period.

Hypersensitivity. A review of allergy to ethylenediamine and aminophylline.[1]

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Precautions
Skin reactions may occur in patients given aminophylline after they have become sensitised to ethylenediamine. Cross-sensitivity with edetic acid and with some antihistamines has been reported.

Cross-sensitivity. It was reported that some topical corticosteroid creams, including *Tri-Adcortyl* in the UK,[1] and *Kenacomb*, *Halcicomb*, and *Viaderm* in Canada,[2] contained ethylenediamine and could cause unexpected cross-sensitivity reactions with piperazine[1] or aminophylline.[2]

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Uses and Administration
Ethylenediamine or ethylenediamine hydrate forms a stable mixture with theophylline to produce aminophylline or aminophylline hydrate. Ethylenediamine is widely used in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries and as an ingredient of some topical creams.

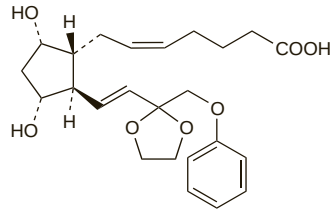
Etiproston Trometamol *(rINNM)*

Etiprostón trometamol; Etiproston Tromethamine; Étiprostone Trométamol; Etiprostonum Trometamolum. Trometamol salt of (*Z*)-7-[(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-3,5-dihydroxy-2-[(*E*)-2-[2-(phenoxymethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl]vinyl]cyclopentyl]-5-heptenoic acid.

Этипростон Трометамол

$C_{24}H_{32}O_7.C_4H_{11}NO_3$ = 553.6.

CAS — 59619-81-7 (etiproston).



(etiproston)

Profile
Etiproston trometamol is a synthetic analogue of dinoprost (prostaglandin F_2). It is used as a luteolytic in veterinary medicine.

Eucalyptus Leaf

Blahovičníkový list; Eucalypti folium; Eucalyptus, feuille d'; Eucalyptusblätter; Eukaliptų lapai; Eukaliptuszlevél; Eukalyptuksenlehti; Eukalyptusblad.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii).
Ph. Eur. (Eucalyptus Leaf). It consists of the whole or cut dried leaves of older branches of *Eucalyptus globulus*. The whole drug contains not less than 2% v/w of essential oil and the cut drug not less than 1.5% v/w of essential oil, both calculated with reference to the anhydrous drug. It has an aromatic odour of cineole. Protect from light.

Profile
Eucalyptus leaf has been used in oral preparations for coughs and associated respiratory-tract disorders. It is also used as a flavour. It is a source of eucalyptus oil (see below).

Preparations
Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: ***Arg.:*** Pre Calent; ***Austria:*** Euka; ***Braz.:*** Broncol; Tussifen†; ***Canad.:*** Beech Nut Cough Drops†; ***Chile:*** Codetol PM; Paltomiel; Paltomiel Plus; Pulmosina; ***Fr.:*** Balsofumine; Balsofumine Mentholee; ***Ger.:*** Em-medical†; Hevertopect N†; ***Israel:*** Gingisan; ***Ital.:*** Altuss; Fosfoguaiacol; ***NZ:*** Otrivine Menthol; ***Rus.:*** Insti (Инсти); ***S.Afr.:*** Bolus Eucalypti Comp; ***Spain:*** Bronpul†; Diabesor†; Llantusil†; Natusor Broncopul†; Natusor Gripotul†; Pastillas Antisep Garg M; Vapores Pyt; ***UK:*** Calrub; Collins Elixir Decongesant Pasilles; No-Sor Nose Balm; PainEaze; Revitonil; Sinose; Sudarub; ***Venez.:*** Gamasol†; Mixagel†.

Eucalyptus Oil

Blahovičníková silice; Esencia de Eucalipto; Essence d'Eucalyptus Rectifiée; Eucalipto, aceite esencial de; Eucalypti aetheroleum; Eucalypti Etheroleum; Eucalyptus, huile essentielle d'; Eukaliptų eterinis aliejus; Eukaliptuszolaj; Eukalyptusolja; Eukalyptusöljy; Ökaliptüs Yağı; Olejek eukaliptusowy; Oleum Eucalypti.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Chin.*, *Eur.* (see p.vii), and *Jpn*.
Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Eucalyptus Oil). A colourless or pale yellow liquid with a characteristic aromatic camphoraceous odour and a pungent camphoraceous taste. It is obtained by steam distillation and rectification from the fresh leaves or terminal branches of various species of *Eucalyptus* rich in cineole. The species mainly used are *E. globulus*, *E. polybractea*, and *E. smithii*. It contains not less than 70% w/w of cineole. Relative density 0.906 to 0.927. Soluble 1 in 5 of alcohol (70%). Store in well-filled airtight containers at a temperature not exceeding 25°. Protect from light.

Adverse Effects and Precautions
The symptoms of poisoning with eucalyptus oil include gastrointestinal symptoms such as epigastric burning, nausea and vomiting, and CNS depression, including coma. Cyanosis, ataxia, miosis, pulmonary damage, delirium, and convulsions may occur. Deaths have been reported.

Oily solutions of eucalyptus oil were formerly used in nasal preparations, but this use is now considered unsuitable as the vehicle inhibits ciliary movements and may cause lipoid pneumonia.

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Uses and Administration
Eucalyptus oil has been taken orally for catarrh and coughs and is an ingredient of many preparations. It has been used as an inhalation often in combination with other volatile substances. Eucalyptus oil has also been applied as a rubefacient and is used as a flavour. It is also used in aromatherapy.

Preparations
Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Austral.: Bosisto's Eucalyptus Spray; ***Ger.:*** Aspecton Eukaps; Broncho-Truw Erkaltungsbalsam; Eucotol†; Exeu; Gelodurat†; Pinimenthol Erkaltungsbad fur Kinder; Pinimenthol Erkaltungskapseln†; Pulmotin Inhalat; Schnupfen Kapseln; Tussidermil N; ***Pol.:*** Migrenol; ***Port.:*** Vicks Vaporub; ***Switz.:*** Nicobrevin N†.

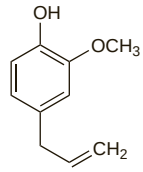
Multi-ingredient: numerous preparations are listed in Part 3.

Eugenol

4-Allylguaiacol; Eugen.; Eugenic Acid; Eugénol; Eugenoli; Eugenolis; Eugenolum. 4-Allyl-2-methoxyphenol.

$C_{10}H_{12}O_2$ = 164.2.

CAS — 97-53-0.



Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii), *US*, and *Viet.*
Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Eugenol). A colourless or pale yellow liquid with a strong odour of clove. Practically insoluble in water and in glycerol; freely soluble in alcohol (70%); miscible with alcohol, with glacial acetic acid, with dichloromethane, and with fatty oils. Eugenol darkens in colour on exposure to air. Store in well-filled containers. Protect from light.
USP 31 (Eugenol). It is obtained from clove oil or from other sources. A colourless or pale yellow liquid having a strongly aromatic odour of clove. Upon exposure to air, it darkens and thickens. Slightly soluble in water; miscible with alcohol, with chloroform, with ether, and with fixed oils. Store in airtight containers. Protect from light.

Profile
Eugenol is a constituent of clove oil (p.2285) and some other essential oils. It is used in dentistry, often mixed with zinc oxide, as a temporary anodyne dental filling, and is an ingredient in oral hygiene preparations. Eugenol has been used as a flavour.

Eugenol is an irritant and sensitiser and can produce local anaesthesia. It is reported to inhibit prostaglandin synthesis.

For the pulmonary effects of eugenol inhalation from clove cigarettes, see Abuse, under Clove, p.2284.

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Preparations
Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)
Chile: Analgesico Dental; ***USA:*** Red Cross Toothache.

Multi-ingredient: ***Arg.:*** Sicadentol Plus†; ***Austria:*** Ledermix; ***Belg.:*** Dentophar; Olbas; ***Braz.:*** Passaja†; Relampago†; Um Instante†; ***Chile:*** Astrijesan; Listermint Con Fluor; ***Cz.:*** Alvogyl; Parodontal F5†; ***Denm.:*** Ledermix†; ***Fr.:*** Alodont; Pectoderme†; ***Ger.:*** Ledermix; ***Gr.:*** Counterpain; ***Hong Kong:*** Begesic; Counterpain; Flanil; ***Indon.:*** Counterpain; Counterpain-PXM; Lafalos; Molakrim; Nufasic; Painkila; Remakrim; Stop X; Zeropain; ***Israel:*** Dentin; ***Ital.:*** Creosoto Composto; Eugenol-Guaiacolo Composto; Odongi; Odontalgiche (Dentali)†; ***Malaysia:*** Flanil; ***Philipp.:*** Begesic; Counterpain; ***S.Afr.:*** Counterpain; ***Singapore:*** Antipain; Begesic; Counterpain; Flanil; ***Spain:*** Alvogil; Piorlis; Tangenol†; Tifell†; ***Switz.:*** Alodont†; Alvogyl; Benzocaine PD; Ledermix; ***Thai.:*** Begesic†; Centropain; Counterpain; Counterpain Plus; Filup; Flanil; Heat Cream; Hot Ize; Masabalm; Muscalax; Neotica†; Nox-Pain; Olympic Balm†; Painza; Reduxpain; Sancago; Stopain; X-Pain; ***UK:*** Ledermix; ***Venez.:*** Flemicaine.

Euphorbia

Euforbia; Pill-bearing Spurge; Snake Weed.

Pharmacopoeias. *Chin.* includes monographs for *Euphorbia humifusa* or *E. maculata* herb and *E. pekinensis* root.

Profile
Euphorbia, the aerial parts of *Euphorbia hirta* (*E. pilulifera*, *Chamaesyce hirta*) (Euphorbiaceae), has sedative and expectorant properties and is used in the treatment of asthma and other