
Doxycycline Treatment

Doxycycline is an antibiotic taken by mouth for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

Allergies

- Tell your health care provider if you have an allergy to any tetracycline antibiotics.
- Do not take Doxycycline if you have a sulfite (preservative) allergy.

Pregnancy/Breastfeeding

- Doxycycline is **not** safe to take during pregnancy.
- For short term use, doxycycline is generally considered compatible i.e. low risk to fetus and low risk to infant during breast-feeding.
- Long term use should be avoided during breastfeeding because of absorption by infants and toxicity in children (e.g., dental staining, decreased bone growth).

CAUTION

- **You cannot take Doxycycline if you have myasthenia gravis** (a neuromuscular disorder).
- **Do not take iron supplements, calcium supplements, aluminum and magnesium containing antacids or Bismuth Subalicylates** (Pepto Bismol[®]) at the same time as doxycycline. Take doxycycline two hours before or six hours after taking these products.
- Avoid a lot of sunlight (tanning) while taking doxycycline.
- Alcohol may decrease effectiveness of this medication.

You cannot take the following medications with doxycycline:

- **Oral Typhoid vaccine:** (Vivotif[®])
- **Other:** Isotretinoin (Accutane[®])
- **Psoriasis:** Acitretin (Soriatane[®])

Tell your doctor if you are taking the following medication:

- **Antiarrhythmics:** Digoxin (Lanoxin[®])
- **Antibiotics:** Rifampin (Rifadin[®], Rofact[®])
- **Anticoagulants:** Warfarin (Coumadin[®])
- **Anticonvulsants:** Carbamazepine (Tegretol[®]), Phenytoin (Dilantin[®])
- **Antihypertensive:** Quinapril (Accupril[®])
- **Barbituates:** Pentobarbital, Phenobarbital, Secobarbital
- **Birth Control Pills** (Estrogens)
- **Immunosuppressant:** Methotrexate (Folex[®])
- **Penicillins** (Amoxil[®]), Penicillin V (Pen-VK[®])

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Side Effects:

- You may get nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, headache or skin rash.

Instructions for Taking

- Take one capsule (100mg) in the morning and in the evening with food.
- Swallow capsules whole.
- Do not crush or chew or open capsule.
- Take with a full glass of water and stand or sit upright for at least 30 minutes.

Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15-30°C.
- Protect from light, heat, and moisture.
- All oral medications should be used on or before the printed expiry date.
- Keep away from the reach of children.

Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
 - one week after your 1-day treatment; or
 - your 7-day treatment is complete, and
 - your sex partner(s) have also been treated, even if their test results are negative.
- Tell your health care provider if:
 - you have sex with an untreated partner or
 - you have sex before either you or your partner(s) treatment is complete.
- If you are using a hormonal form of birth control (oral tablets, ring, or patch), use an extra method of protection until your present cycle is completed.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your doctor, local health unit, or see contact information below.