

EPT Doxycycline Information



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH

This sheet contains important information about Doxycycline. You were given this medicine, or a prescription for this medicine, because your sex partner was recently treated for chlamydia and/or gonorrhea which means you have likely been exposed to this infection too. The best way to take care of yourself is to see a healthcare professional. If you do see a healthcare professional, bring the medicine/prescription with you. If you are not able to see a healthcare professional, you should read all the information given to you about the medicine before taking it. **If you do not take medicine to cure your STD, you can get very sick and still infect others. If you are pregnant or have other medical concerns, seek medical advice and evaluation before taking the medicine.**

Do not take this medication if:

- You are or may be pregnant or are nursing.
- You have ever had an allergic reaction (like a rash or breathing problems) to any of the following: doxycycline, minocycline, tetracycline, or sulfites. If you are uncertain about whether you have an allergy, call your healthcare provider or pharmacist before taking this medicine.
- You have a serious long-term illness, such as kidney, heart or liver disease, colitis or stomach problems.
- If you are currently taking another prescription medicine or vitamins, consult your pharmacist before taking the medicine to ask about drug interactions.
- ***If any of the above applies to you, or if you are not sure, do not take the medicine. Instead, you should talk to a healthcare professional as soon as possible so they can find the best treatment for you.***

How to take the medicine:

Take the pills as directed. You need to take all the pills you were given to be cured. Do not take this medicine within two hours of taking any antacids (such as Tums, Roloids, or Maalox). Do not take medicine within two hours of eating dairy foods (such as cheese or milk). Do NOT share or give this medicine to anyone else. If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed one.

Side effects of the medicine:

Some people have a mild upset stomach after taking this medicine. Other side effects can include diarrhea, nausea, stomachache, and headache. These are common and not dangerous. Stay out of the sun or use sunscreen and wear sunglasses while you are taking this medicine. If you vomit within 2 hours of taking the medicine, contact your provider.

Allergic reactions to the medicine:

Allergic reactions are rare. Possible serious allergic reactions include: Difficulty breathing/tightness in the chest, closing of your throat, swollen lips or tongue, and/or hives. If you experience any of these, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room immediately!

Warnings:

You must take all this medicine to cure your infection. Do not have sex (penile, vaginal or anal) with anyone else for at least 7 days after finishing your medication or you could re-infect them.