

# Tetracycline (Doxycycline, Vibramycin)

## What is it?

This medication is used to treat bacterial infections.

## Inform your provider if:

- You have ever had an allergic reaction to this medicine or any tetracycline drug.
- You are pregnant, are trying to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- You have liver or kidney disease.

## Use:

- This medication is taken orally (by mouth).
- Take this medication with a full 8 ounce glass of water.
- Doxycycline can be taken with food or milk to prevent GI upset.
- Continue taking this medication as prescribed, even if you start to feel better.
- Do not miss any doses. If you do miss a dose, take the dose as soon as possible. Do not double dose.
- Call the office if your symptoms do not get better or if you get worse.
- Do not take antacids, calcium supplements, or magnesium-containing laxatives within two hours of the time you take this medication.
- Do not take iron preparations (including multivitamins) within three hours of the time you take this medication.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while on this medication if you have a history of liver disease.
- Some people who take this medication may become more sensitive to sunlight; avoid direct sunlight if possible while on this medication.

## Side effects:

- Dizziness
- Nausea/vomiting
- Sore tongue or mouth
- Darkening or discoloration of the tongue
- Cramps or burning feeling in the stomach
- Diarrhea
- Itching of the rectal or genital area

## Call the office if you experience:

- Abdominal pain
- Loss of appetite
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes
- Headache
- Visual changes

## Things to remember with any medication:

- Keep medications away from children.
- Store medications in a cool, dark, dry environment.
- Throw away medicine that is outdated.
- Take medicine as prescribed.