



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Public Health

ANY SEXUAL PARTNER WHO HAS A HISTORY OF ALLERGY TO THIS ANTIBIOTIC OR THE PHARMACEUTICAL CLASS OF ANTIBIOTIC SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS ANTIBIOTIC AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY EXAMINED BY A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

DOXYCYCLINE (for VIBRAMYCIN) – ORAL

USES: Doxycycline is an antibiotic used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections, including prevention of "traveler's diarrhea".

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION: Take each dose with a full glass of water. Take with food or milk if stomach upset occurs, unless your prescriber directs you otherwise.

Antibiotics work best when the amount of medicine in your body is kept at a constant level. Do this by taking the medication at evenly spaced intervals throughout the day and night. Continue to take this medication until the full prescribed amount is finished, even if symptoms disappear after a few days. Stopping the medication too early may allow bacteria to continue to grow resulting in a relapse of the infection.

SIDE EFFECTS: This medication may cause stomach upset, diarrhea, nausea, headache and vomiting during the first few days as your body adjusts to the medication. If these symptoms persist or become severe, inform your prescriber.

Doxycycline increases sensitivity to sunlight.

Notify your prescriber if you develop breathing difficulties, skin rash, hives or sore throat while taking this medication.

Use of this medication for prolonged or repeated periods may result in a secondary infection (e.g., oral, bladder or vaginal yeast infection).

PRECAUTIONS: Tell your prescriber if you have other illnesses or any allergies, especially allergies to drugs.

Doxycycline may make you more prone to sunburn. Wear protective clothing and a sunscreen.

This medicine should not be used during pregnancy or when breast-feeding. Consult your prescriber.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Inform your prescriber about all the medicines you use (both prescription and nonprescription), especially if you take other antibiotics. Your dose may need to be adjusted or changed. This medicine may decrease the effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Consult your prescriber or pharmacist about other types of birth control.

Avoid taking antacids, iron preparations or vitamin products within 2-3 hours of taking this medication. These products bind with the medicine preventing its absorption.

NOTES: This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another infection or give it to someone else. A different medication may be necessary.

MISSED DOSE: If you should miss a dose, take it as soon as remembered unless it is almost time for the next dose. If it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the dose.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature away from moisture and sunlight. Do not store in the bathroom. If you have any further questions, please, call a pharmacist at 1-800-797-8062.