

PATIENT'S NAME:

MEDICATION: doxycycline (Brand names include Apo-Doxy, Doryx, Doxy 100, Doxy 200, Doxy-Caps, Doxycin, Periostat, Vibramycin, Vibra-Tabs.)

WHAT IT'S USED FOR: Doxycycline is used to treat various infections.

HOW TO TAKE IT

- Take drug with 8 ounces of water on an empty stomach, at least 1 hour before a meal or 3 hours after a meal.
- Take drug at least 1 hour before bedtime to prevent inflammation of the esophagus.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!

- Before taking, tell your prescriber if you are allergic to this drug, other tetracyclines, or bisulfates. Also tell your prescriber if you have kidney or liver disease.
- Immediately report painful swallowing, abdominal pain, easy bruising or bleeding, or signs of hypersensitivity, such as a skin rash.
- Never take expired or outdated doxycycline, because it can cause serious problems.
- Practice good oral hygiene while taking this drug.
- Avoid excessive exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet light while taking this drug.
- Tell your prescriber if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Do not take this drug during the last half of pregnancy.
- Do not give this drug to children younger than age 8, because it may cause tooth discoloration and malformation and may slow bone growth.

SIDE EFFECTS

This drug may cause increased pressure in blood vessels within the brain, numbness and tingling sensations, vein inflammation, blood clots, infection of the heart lining, ear problems, black hairy tongue, tongue inflammation, hoarseness, thrush infection in the mouth or vagina, tooth enamel defects, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, inflammation of the esophagus, stomach upset, bowel inflammation, lesions or inflammation in the anal or genital area, pancreatitis, dark yellow or brown urine, blood disorders, liver problems, bone growth retardation (in children younger than age 8), skin sensitivity to light, skin discoloration, hives, increased appetite, overgrowth of other organisms, or allergic reactions (including anaphylaxis). Notify prescriber of all bothersome or serious side effects.

INTERACTIONS

- Doxycycline may interact with many other drugs, including phenobarbital, carbamazepine, hormonal contraceptives containing estrogen, phenytoin, rifampin, methoxyflurane, penicillin, and warfarin. Be aware that cholestyramine, colestipol, antacids, antidiarrheals, calcium, iron, magnesium preparations, and sucralfate may decrease absorption of doxycycline. Tell all prescribers that you are taking this drug.
- Avoid alcohol and large amounts of calcium-containing foods, such as dairy products and some green, leafy vegetables (such as spinach).

STORAGE

- Store drug at a controlled room temperature of 59° to 86° F.

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

Your initials: _____

Date: _____

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