



DOXYCYCLINE

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DRUG USES

Doxycycline is an effective drug prescribed for the treatment of infections caused by bacteria. The drug is also used for preventing or slowing down the progression of anthrax after its exposure.
How Taken

The drug should be taken as per your doctor's prescription. Take the drug at the same time every day. The whole course of the medication should have to be taken for better results. If you stop in the middle of a course, then there are chances of the infection to come back.

WARNINGS/PRECAUTIONS

You have to discuss with your doctor all your medical conditions before he prescribes Doxycycline. You have to tell him if you are allergic to certain medicines, foods or any other substance.

Do not hesitate to tell your doctor if you have stomach infection, diarrhea, intestinal infection or blood disease like porphyria.

It is better to avoid taking Doxycycline if you are pregnant or hoping to get pregnant. The drug is seen to cause harm to the unborn babe. The drug is also seen in breast milk and so it is better to avoid breast-feeding while taking Doxycycline.

Certain medicines also interact with Doxycycline. So it is better to inform your doctor about all the medications that you are taking. The drug should not be taken if you are using penicillin (amoxicillin) and acitretin.

If Doxycycline is used for a long period, there is a chance of a second infection. If you come across signs of a second infection, consult your doctor immediately so that he can alter the prescription. Well, you should also call your doctor if you experience stomach pain, cramps, diarrhea and bloody stools. If you have diarrhea while taking Doxycycline, do not go for self-treatment.

The drug is also sensitive to sun and so avoid direct sunlight, tanning booths and sun lamps. When going out, wear some protective clothes and use some sunscreen lotions or creams.

Doxycycline is not prescribed for children below 8 years.

It has been seen that birth control pills may not be effective while using Doxycycline.

MISSED DOSE

There is nothing to worry if a dose is missed. Take it as soon as you remember it. If it is almost time for the next dosage, better skip the missed one and continue with your scheduled dosage. Never mix two doses.