

# Doxycycline

You are being given this medicine because you may have been exposed to Anthrax. You will need to take this medicine for 60 days. You will be told how to get more medicine if it is needed.

## Dosing Information

- Take the medicine every 12 hours or as directed.
- For 2 hours before and 2 hours after taking this medicine, do not take antacids or milk products or juices with added calcium. Antacids such as Tums, Rolaids or milk of magnesia, and milk products like milk, cheese or yogurt, and calcium can lessen how well the medicine works.
- Take the medicine with a full glass of water and eat some food so the medicine will not irritate your stomach.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose right away. If it is almost time to take your next dose, wait until then to take your medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take two doses at the same time.
- You must keep taking your medicine for the full 60 days. You may become ill if you do not finish all your medicine.

## Side Effects

- This medicine can cause upset stomach, vomiting, or diarrhea, but **you need to keep taking this medicine if any of these occur.** This medicine can make it easier to get a sunburn on your skin. Wear sunscreen.
- **Call your doctor right away** if you have:
  - shortness of breath
  - trouble breathing
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat

## Interactions

- Birth control medicine may not work as well when you take Doxycycline. Use condoms for birth control when taking Doxycycline.
- If you take warfarin (Coumadin), digoxin, Accutane, lithium, insulin, methotrexate, barbiturates, phenytoin (Dilantin), carbamazepine (Tegretol), or rifampin, **call 211 or call your doctor to tell them that you are taking Doxycycline.** These medicines can cause problems if taken while taking Doxycycline.
- Do not use any herbs, especially St. John's Wort and Dong Quai while taking this medicine.