

TETRACYCLINE THERAPY

Tetracycline is an antibiotic used most often for acne, rosacea, and perioral dermatitis. It only suppresses these conditions, it does not cure them. Thus, treatment with an antibiotic or other form of therapy will be necessary until you “outgrow” the disorder.

IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

Failure to follow these instructions will result in decreased effectiveness of treatment.

Take tetracycline twice per day. It should be taken on an empty stomach.

Do not take within one hour before or two hours after consuming any of the following products:

Dairy products (e.g. milk, yogurt, cheese, ice cream)
Iron or calcium supplements
Antacids containing aluminum, calcium, or magnesium

Do not use during pregnancy. If used after the third month of pregnancy, tooth and bone abnormalities may occur in you child

Do not use in children under nine years old. Discoloration of teeth may occur.

Do not use while nursing an infant.

OCCASIONAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Unusual sensitivity to the sun. It is wise to limit sun exposure at least until you determine how you will react to the sun while taking this medication.

Genital itching and vaginal discharge: This results from a yeast infection. Contact your doctor if you develop these symptoms. It responds promptly to treatment with suppositories or cream while you continue the tetracycline.

Nausea, cramps of the stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, light-headedness, sore mouth, or sore tongue: These possible side effects may go away during treatment. If they continue or are severe, stop the medicine and check with your doctor.

VERY RARE SIDE EFFECTS:

Persistent headache, possibly with burred vision. If this occurs, discontinue use and see your doctor.