Never give your medicines to others even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

WHY HAVE WE GIVEN YOU THIS GUIDE?
• This information is for you to use when taking doxycycline
• Doxycycline is an effective medicine for some skin conditions and infections
• Doxycycline can cause side effects so it is important that you know how to take it safely
• Talk to your doctor, pharmacist (chemist) or nurse if you have any questions

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO TAKE DOXYCYCLINE SAFELY
• Doxycycline can cause severe indigestion if the tablets are not swallowed properly
• Swallow the tablets whole then drink a large glass of water to wash them down
• Take the tablets with or straight after food, so there is some food in your stomach
• Stay upright for 30 minutes after taking doxycycline; do not take it just before bed
• Let your doctor know if you have had any problems with your kidneys or liver
• Do not drink large amounts of alcohol

DOXYCYCLINE CAN BE HARMFUL
✓ Doxycycline must not be given to children because it can affect growing teeth and bones
✓ Always store doxycycline out of reach and out of sight of children
✓ Sunlight and doxycycline
  • Avoid spending time in the sun or under sunlamps because doxycycline can cause a severe skin reaction
  • Let your doctor know if you notice a red rash or blisters on your skin
✓ Let your doctor or pharmacist (chemist) know immediately if you:
  • Notice a skin rash, fever, swelling, or other ‘allergic-type’ reaction
  • Have a sharp pain while swallowing, or pain in your throat or chest
  • Have a pulsing headache, ringing in the ears, or feel dizzy
✓ Tell your doctor and pharmacist (chemist) about all of the medicines you are taking
Doxycycline can be harmful when taken with some other medicines
✓ PREGNANCY and doxycycline
  • If you become pregnant while taking doxycycline, let your doctor know so they can choose another medicine for you
  • If you are breastfeeding, let your doctor know; another medicine may be better for you