



## Doxycycline (Vibramycin)

This antibiotic is taken by mouth, and used to treat: chlamydia, gonorrhea, epididymitis, syphilis, non-gonococcal urethritis (NGU), pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), and other gynaecological issues.

### Tell your doctor, nurse, or nurse practitioner if you:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding - do not take this medication
- Are allergic to antibiotics
- Are taking blood thinners
- Are taking Accutane
- Are taking any medications, or recently had a typhoid vaccine or BCG

### Possible side effects

- Increased skin sensitivity to sunlight
  - Use sun protection and avoid tanning beds while taking this medication
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain or decreased appetite may occur

### How to take this medication:

- Take pills with a full glass of water and food.
- Finish all medication even if your symptoms improve or disappear after a few days.
- If you miss a pill, take it as soon as you remember unless it's time for the next pill.
- Do not share your pills.

### Precautions while taking this medication:

- Do not have sex during the 7 days you are taking the medication, even with condoms.
- Do not have sex with any untreated partners.
- Do not take antacids (Tums, Rolaids, Maalox) at the same time as this medication. Take this medication either 2 hours before or 6 hours after antacids.
- Seek emergency medical care if you develop a rash, itching, red, swollen, blistered or peeling skin, fever, trouble breathing, swelling to mouth, throat or face, blurred vision, severe vomiting or diarrhea.

### Storage

- Keep pills away from children and pets at room temperature in a dark location.

**For information, call the Sexual Health Clinic 613-234-4641**

