

## **PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER**

### **Doxycycline Pinewood 100 mg Capsules** Doxycycline (as hyclate)

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

#### **What is in this leaflet:**

1. What Doxycycline Pinewood capsules is and what it is used for.
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#### **1. What Doxycycline Pinewood capsule is and what it is used for**

This medicine contains doxycycline, which is an antibiotic belonging to a group of medicines called tetracycline. It is used to treat many different types of infections including:

- Chest, lung or nasal infections e.g. bronchitis, pneumonia, sinusitis.
- Urinary tract infections (the passage through which urine passes) e.g. cystitis, urethritis.
- Eye infections.
- Sexually transmitted diseases e.g. gonorrhoea, syphilis, chlamydia.
- Fevers associated with louse or tick bites.
- Malaria, when chloroquine is not effective.

Doxycycline Pinewood is also used to prevent certain infections developing, these are scrub typhus (a disease carried by small insects), travellers' diarrhoea, malaria, cholera and leptospirosis (a bacterial infection from contaminated water).

Your doctor may want you to take Doxycycline Pinewood to treat another infection not listed above. You may also be prescribed an additional medicine to take with Doxycycline Pinewood to treat your infection. You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.

#### **2. What you need to know before you take Doxycycline Pinewood capsules**

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**Do not take Doxycycline Pinewood capsules:**

- If you are allergic to Doxycycline or any other tetracycline antibiotic or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- If you are pregnant or trying to become pregnant.
- If you are breast-feeding.
- If you suffer from a condition where you have difficulties when swallowing.

You should not use Doxycycline Pinewood during periods of tooth development (pregnancy, infancy or in children below 8 years old) as such use may lead to permanent discolouration (yellow-grey-brown) or affect the proper growth of the teeth.

There may be circumstances (e.g., severe or life-threatening conditions), where your physician may decide that the benefits outweigh this risk in children below 8 years and Doxycycline Pinewood should be prescribed.

**Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Doxycycline Pinewood:

- if you are likely to be exposed to strong sunlight or ultraviolet light (e.g. on a sun bed). You should avoid exposure to strong sunlight while taking this medicine as your skin may be more sensitive to sunburn than normal.
- if you have kidney or liver problems
- if you are suspected of having syphilis. Your doctor will continue to monitor you after your treatment has stopped.
- if you have diarrhoea or usually get diarrhoea when you take antibiotics or have suffered from problems with your stomach or intestines. If you develop severe or prolonged or bloody diarrhoea during or after using Doxycycline Pinewood **tell your doctor immediately** since it may be necessary to interrupt the treatment. This may be a sign of bowel inflammation (pseudomembraneous colitis) which can occur following treatment with antibiotics.
- if you suffer from acid reflux. Doxycycline Pinewood may make your condition worse and may not be a suitable medicine for you.
- if you experience increased pressure in your skull (severe headache) with changes in vision .

If you start to have difficulties when swallowing or feel discomfort in your throat or stomach after taking Doxycycline Pinewood tell your doctor immediately. Your doctor may advise you to stop taking Doxycycline Pinewood.

When used for a long duration, Doxycycline Pinewood may cause infections that cannot be treated with this antibiotic. Your doctor can explain the signs and symptoms of such types of infection.

**Other medicines and Doxycycline Pinewood**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines (including medicines you have obtained without a prescription).

Some medicines can reduce the effectiveness of Doxycycline Pinewood, these include:

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- Antacids (indigestion remedies), iron preparations, oral zinc or bismuth. These should not be taken at the same time of day as Doxycycline Pinewood.
- Carbamazepine, phenytoin (medicines used to control epilepsy) and barbiturates (used to control epilepsy or as a sedative).

Doxycycline Pinewood can affect the action of some other medicines, these include:

- Increased action of warfarin or coumarins (used to prevent blood clots).
- Reduced effectiveness of penicillin antibiotics (used to treat infections).
- Methoxyflurane (a type of anaesthetic).

### **Having an operation or dental surgery**

If you are going to have a general anaesthetic for an operation or dental surgery you must tell your anaesthetist or dentist that you are taking Doxycycline Pinewood as you may have more side effects.

### **Laboratory Tests**

Doxycycline Pinewood may interfere with some tests, tell your doctor if you need to give samples for laboratory assessment.

### **Doxycycline Pinewood with food, drink and alcohol**

- If your stomach is upset Doxycycline Pinewood can be taken with food or milk.
- For the treatment of infections, Doxycycline Pinewood can be taken with or without food.
- Alcohol may reduce the effect of Doxycycline Pinewood and should be avoided.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Do not take Doxycycline Pinewood if you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or breast-feeding (see section 2).

### **Driving and using machines**

This medicine should not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

## **3. How to take Doxycycline Pinewood capsules**

- Take Doxycycline Pinewood capsules with a full glass of water when sitting or standing.
- It is best to take Doxycycline Pinewood in the morning if possible, or at least 1 hour before going to bed.
- It is important not to lie down for at least thirty minutes after taking Doxycycline Pinewood, so that the capsule can move as swiftly as possible into the stomach and prevent irritation of the throat or oesophagus (canal taking food from the mouth to the stomach).
- If your stomach is upset Doxycycline Pinewood can be taken with food or milk.
- For the treatment of infections, Doxycycline Pinewood can be taken with or without food.
- Alcohol may reduce the effect of Doxycycline Pinewood and should be avoided.

The information below shows the different doses that your doctor may prescribe depending on the infection being treated. Doctors sometimes prescribe different doses to these. The label on the pack will tell you what dose YOU should take. Always take

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Doxycycline Pinewood exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

### **Usual Dose (Chest, lung or nasal, urinary tract, eye and other infections)**

Children aged 8 years to less than 12 years:

Doxycycline for the treatment of acute infections in children aged 8 years to less than 12 years should be used in situations where other drugs are not available or are not likely to be effective. In such circumstances, the usual doses are:

For children 45 kg or less:

First day: 4.4 mg for each kg of bodyweight (in single or 2 divided doses) then 2.2 mg for each kg of bodyweight (in single or 2 divided doses) from the second day. The length of treatment is dependent on the infection being treated.

In more severe infections, up to 4.4 mg for each kg of bodyweight should be given throughout treatment.

For children, over 45 kg - Dose administered for adults should be used; 200mg on the first day, then 100 mg daily. The length of treatment is dependent on the infection being treated.

Adults and children aged 12 years to less than 18 years:

200mg on the first day, then 100 mg daily. For more severe infections 2 capsules daily should be given for the treatment period. The length of treatment is dependent on the infection being treated.

### **Sexually transmitted diseases**

1 capsule twice daily for 7 to 10 days.

### **Primary and Secondary Syphilis**

1 capsule twice daily for 14 days. Your doctor will continue to monitor you after your treatment has stopped.

### **Fevers associated with louse or tick bites**

Single dose of 1 or 2 capsules.

### **Treatment of malaria**

2 capsules daily for at least 7 days. Your doctor will also prescribe you another medicine for malarial treatment (e.g. quinine) to be taken at the same time as Doxycycline Pinewood.

### **Prevention of malaria**

1 capsule daily from 1 to 2 days before travelling to a malarial area until 4 weeks after returning.

### **Prevention of scrub typhus (a disease carried by small insects)**

Single dose of 2 capsules, once a week.

### **Prevention of travellers' diarrhoea**

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2 capsules on the first day of travel, followed by 1 capsule daily throughout the stay in the area. If you are planning to take Doxycycline Pinewood for more than 21 days, please consult your doctor.

**Treatment of leptospirosis (infections from contaminated water)**

1 capsule twice daily for 7 days.

**Prevention of leptospirosis (infections from contaminated water)**

2 capsules once each week throughout the stay in the infected area; 2 capsules on completion of the trip.

If you are planning to take Doxycycline Pinewood for more than 21 days, please consult your doctor.

**Treatment and prevention of cholera**

A single dose of 3 capsules.

**Stage 1 and 2 Lyme disease**

1 capsule twice daily for 10 to 30 days. The length of treatment depends on how well you respond.

**Infections due to susceptible strains of Bacillus anthracis**

Adults: 1 capsule twice a day for 60 days.

**If you take more Doxycycline Pinewood capsules than you should**

If you take too much Doxycycline Pinewood contact your doctor or nearest hospital Casualty Department immediately. Always take the labelled medicine package with you, whether there is any Doxycycline Pinewood left or not.

**If you forget to take Doxycycline Pinewood capsules**

If you forget to take a capsule take it as soon as you can. Take your next capsule at the right time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

**If you stop taking Doxycycline Pinewood capsules**

If you stop taking the capsules too soon, the infection may return. Take the capsules for the full time of treatment, even when you begin to feel better.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

**Tell your doctor immediately** if you experience any of the following symptoms of an allergic reaction after taking this medicine. Although they are very rare, the symptoms can be severe.

- Sudden wheeziness, difficulty in breathing, tightness in chest, fever, swelling of eyelids, face or lips, rash or itching (especially affecting the whole body).
  - Upset stomach, loss of appetite, severe, persistent or bloody diarrhoea (this may occur up to two or three months after the last dose and may be associated with stomach pain
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or fever). This may occur after treatment with antibiotics and can be a sign of serious bowel inflammation.

If any of the side effects listed below occur, contact your doctor as soon as possible.

- Skin rash, or flaking or peeling of the skin.
- Severe skin reactions which may cause you to feel very unwell.
- Skin that is more sensitive to sunlight than normal. You may get a skin rash, itching, redness or severe sunburn. If this happens stop taking the medicine and tell your doctor.
- Fever, swollen lymph nodes or skin rash. These may be symptoms of a condition known as DRESS (Drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms) and can be severe and life threatening.
- The Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction which causes fever, chills, headache, muscle pain, and skin rash that is usually self-limiting. This occurs shortly after starting doxycycline treatment for infections with spirochete such as Lyme disease.
- Headache which, if very severe, may be associated with visual disturbance such as blurred vision or loss of vision.
- Inflammation and/or ulcers of the gullet.
- Blood disorders. These are due to changes in numbers of different cell types in the blood. Symptoms may include tiredness, easy bruising or infections.
- Low blood pressure.
- Increased heart rate.
- Aches in the joints or muscles.
- Stomach pain or diarrhoea.

The following side effects may go away during treatment as your body adjusts to the medicine. Tell your doctor if any of these side effects continue to bother you:

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- feeling or being sick
- worsening of a disease called systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). This is an allergic condition which causes joint pain, skin rash and fever
- pericarditis (inflammation affecting the heart)

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- heartburn

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people):

- difficulty in swallowing, sore or painful tongue or mouth
  - skin reddening (flushing)
  - a ringing or buzzing noise in the ear
  - soreness and itching of the rectal and/or genital area
  - inflammation of the bowel
  - bulging fontanelles (soft spot on head) of infants
  - inflammation and damage to the liver
  - abnormal liver function tests
  - discolouration of the thyroid tissue when given for long periods. The medicine does not impair thyroid function
  - loosening of the nail from the nail bed after exposure to the sun
  - increased levels of urea in the blood
  - yellow skin and eyes (jaundice), inflammation of the pancreas
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Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data):

- discolouration and/or lack of growth of teeth
- anxiety

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517; Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie); e-mail: [medsafety@hpra.ie](mailto:medsafety@hpra.ie).

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store Doxycycline Pinewood capsules**

**Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.**

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the blister and the carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## **6. Contents of the pack and other Information**

### **What Doxycycline Pinewood 100 mg capsules contains**

The active substance is Doxycycline hyclate. Each capsule contains 100 mg doxycycline as doxycycline hyclate.

The other ingredients are: microcrystalline cellulose, talc, magnesium stearate, colloidal anhydrous silica, sodium laurilsulfate, gelatin, and the colours titanium dioxide (E171), erythrosine (E127) and indigo carmine (E132).

### **What Doxycycline Pinewood 100 mg capsules look like and contents of the pack**

Doxycycline Pinewood 100 mg capsules are white/blue capsules.

They come in blister or container packs of 8, 14, 16, 28 and 50 capsules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **Marketing Authorisation Holder**

Pinewood Laboratories Limited, Ballymacarbry, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland

### **Manufacturer**

Chanelle Medical Unlimited Company, Loughrea, Co. Galway, Ireland.

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