



Appendix 5

Doxycycline & Minocycline

These are sometimes used as part of a combination regimen for M. Abscessus treatment.

How do I take?

- Take with a full glass of water, during meals while sitting or standing. It is important not to lie down for at least 30 minutes after taking, to reduce the risk of throat irritation
- Do not take indigestion remedies (for example Gaviscon® or Rennie®) or medicines containing iron, calcium, magnesium or zinc, 2 hours before or after you take this medicine

Will there be any interactions with any of my other medicines?

Your NTM team will check for any interactions. Please ensure you make your NTM team aware of all prescribed medication you take and any over the counter preparations. Medicines that doxycycline and minocycline interact with include (but not limited to):

- Warfarin
- Medicines for epilepsy, including phenytoin and carbamazepine
- Lithium
- Rifampicin

Is there anything I need to look out for?

Your skin may be more sensitive to sunburn. Protect your skin from sunlight and wear sunscreen, even on a bright but cloudy day. Do not use sunbeds.

What other side effects might I experience?

- Other side effects include (but not limited to):
 - Swelling of eyelids, face or lips
 - Headache
 - Skin reaction/rash
 - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea
- Please see patient information insert provided with medication for full list of side effects

How will I be monitored?

No specific monitoring is required for doxycycline or minocycline; however, it is likely additional antibiotics you are prescribed will require monitoring.