PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET
OXYTETRACYCLINE 250 mg COATED TABLETS

Please read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should not pass it on to others. It may harm them even if their symptoms 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.

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1. What Oxytetracycline Tablets are and what they are used for

Oxytetracycline is a broad-spectrum tetracycline antibiotic, which is a substance with an anti-bacterial action. It may be used to treat a wide range of infections caused by bacteria. These include:
- Lung infections such as pneumonia, bronchitis or whooping cough
- Urinary tract infections
- Sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhoea or syphilis
- Skin infections such as acne
- Infections of the eye such as conjunctivitis
- Rickettsial infections such as Q fever or typhus (severe headache, rash, high fever)
- Other infections including bronchitis (cough, cold), chest infections (sore throat, cough), hepatitis (swell, painless skin), otitis externa (swollen or painful ears), meningitis (swollen head, skin, nervous system), heart, lungs, kidneys, joints and other organs.

Oxytetracycline is not given to children under 12 years old.

Take special care with Oxytetracycline tablets and tell your doctor if:
- You suffer from myasthenia gravis, a condition characterised by muscle weakness, difficulty chewing and swallowing and slurred speech
- You have reduced kidney or liver function.

TELL YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST IF YOU ARE ALREADY TAKING OTHER MEDICINES.

See your doctor before you take Oxytetracycline Tablets if:
- You are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. Especially:
  - Penicillins such as amoxicillin (to treat infections)
  - Vitamin A
  - Retinoids such as acitretin, isotretinoin and tretinoin (to treat acne)
  - Drugs to thin the blood (anticoagulants)
  - Oral contraceptives (Oxytetracycline tablets may make the oral contraceptive pill less effective. You should use additional precautions when taking Oxytetracycline tablets and for 7 days after stopping.)
  - Diuretics (water tablets such as furosemide)
  - Medicines to treat diabetes such as insulin, glibenclamide or glitazidermennal supplements or antacids.
  - Methotrexate (an anaesthetic). If you need an operation, tell your doctor or dentist you are taking Oxytetracycline.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding: If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or are breast-feeding, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine as oxytetracycline should not be taken as it could harm the baby.

Tests
During long term treatment blood, kidney and liver tests will be carried out.

Taking with food or milk
Do not take the tablets at the same time as milk or food, as they can make the medicine less effective.

3. How to take Oxytetracycline Tablets

- Your doctor has decided the dose that is best for you.
- Always follow your doctor’s instructions exactly and those on the pharmacy label. If you do not understand anything ask your doctor or pharmacist.

- The tablets are for oral administration only and are to be swallowed with a glass of water either 1 hour before food or 2 hours after. Swallow the tablets when standing or sitting down. Do not take the tablets immediately before going to bed. Avoid exposure to natural or artificial sunlight as skin reactions may occur. Dairy products in particular will adversely affect the absorption of this medicine.
- They are suitable for adults, the elderly and children over 12 years old.

The usual doses are for at least 10 days unless otherwise directed by your doctor.

- Adults, Elderly and Children 12 years or over:
  - General infections: 1 tablet (250mg) every 6 hours, you may be given 2 tablets (500mg) initially. For severe infections your doctor may increase your dosage to 500mg (2 tablets) every 6 hours.
  - Specific infections:
    - Skin infections: 1-2 tablets (250-500mg) daily either as a single dose or in divided doses for three months.
    - Brucellosis: 2 tablets (500mg) four times a day with streptomycin.
    - Sexually transmitted diseases: 2 tablets (500mg) four times a day for between 7 and 30 days depending on your condition.
- Children under 12 years old: Oxytetracycline tablets are not recommended for use in children under 12 years of age as it can cause permanent discoloration of tooth enamel and affect bone development.

CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY IF YOU HAVE TAKEN TOO MANY TABLETS.

If you have missed a dose, do not double up on a dose to make up for the one you have missed.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, oxytetracycline may cause side effects.

Stop taking the tablets immediately and seek urgent medical advice if the following occur:
- Symptoms of an allergic reaction: skin rash which may be itchy, swelling of the face and tongue. Fever and chest pain (symptoms of infammation of the membrane around the heart) or breathing difficulties and collapse (anaphylaxis)
- Symptoms of raised pressure in the skull: headache, visual problems including blurred vision, “blind” spots, double vision
- Sensitivity to sunlight or artificial light such as sun-bed (symptoms such as tingling, burning or redness of the skin).

Tell your doctor if the following side effects occur:
- Gastric upsets, such as feeling or being sick, diarrhoea and difficulty in swallowing and irritation of the oesophagus (gullet)
- Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis, causing pain in the abdomen or back, feeling sick and fever)
- Changes in the numbers and types of your blood cells. If you notice increased bruising, nosebleeds, sore throats, rash, unusual bleeding or bruising, easy bruising, an enlarged spleen, or shortness of breath
- Redness or colour change of the skin, unusual tiredness or weakness
- Changes in vision or kidney function (tiredness, pain in the abdomen or back, difficult passing urine)
- Jaundice (yellow skin or eyes)
- An over growth of resistant organisms which may cause infection/inflammation of the mouth, tongue, intestines and vagina
- Skin rash, which involves changes to the colour and texture of the skin.
- If you notice these or indeed any unexpected reactions you should tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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 the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. Storing Oxytetracycline Tablets

- Store below 25°C.
- Do not use after the expiry date shown on the package.
- Keep out of sight and reach of children.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Oxytetracycline Tablets contain
The active substance is oxytetracycline hydrochloride 250 mg.

The other ingredients are lactose, sucrose, pregelatinised starch, sodium lauryl sulphate, gelatin, magnesium stearate, talc, sucrose, titanium dioxide (E171), aluminium hydroxide and tarterine (E102), shellac, beeswax and carnauba wax.

What Oxytetracycline Tablets look like and contents of the pack
This product contains yellow, round, sugar-coated tablets. They are packed in blister packs of 28 tablets.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer
Marketing Authorisation Holder: Intrapharm Laboratories Limited, The Courtyard Bams, Choke Lane, Cockham Dean, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 9PT
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