

PHARMANIAGA TETRACYCLINE CAPSULE

Tetracycline Hydrochloride (250mg)

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What Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule is used for

It contains tetracycline which belongs to group of medicines called tetracycline antibiotics. It is also known as a broad-spectrum antibiotic and may be used to treat a wide range of infections caused by bacteria, these include:-

- respiratory tract infections
- urinary tract infections
- sexually transmitted disease such as chlamydia
- rickettsial infections such as Q fever
- Skin infections such as acne
- Tetracycline may also be used to treat leptospirosis

How Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule works

This medicine works by killing or stopping the growth of bacteria which cause infections or make acne worse.

Tetracyclines will not work against viral infections such as colds or the 'flu'.

Before you use Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule

-When you must not use it

Do not take Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule if you:-

- are allergic (hypersensitive) to Tetracycline Hydrochloride or to any of the other ingredients contained in Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule

- have kidney or liver problems

As with many medicines, tetracyclines can harm the developing or breastfeeding baby. This may include enamel loss and staining of the child's teeth and increase the pressure on your child's brain.

High doses of tetracyclines may also cause liver problems in pregnant women.

If you are not sure whether you should be taking Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule, talk to your doctor.

Do not give Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule to children of eight years and under unless directed by the child's doctor.

Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule like all other tetracyclines may cause enamel loss and staining in developing teeth.

Pregnancy and lactation

Do not take Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine if you are breast feeding.

-Before you start to use it

Inform your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if you:-

- have or have ever had any other health problems.
- plan to become pregnant or to breastfeed.
- are scheduled to have surgery under general anaesthetic.
- are exposed to direct sunlight or ultra-violet light.

If you are not sure if any of the above conditions apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule

-Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

There may be interference between Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule and some other medicines, including:

- anticoagulants
- medicines such as antacids or other medicines containing aluminium, calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc salts, sodium bicarbonate.
- cholestyramine, colestipol
- the contraceptive pill (birth control pill).

How to use Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule

-How much to use

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label of your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule should be taken on an empty stomach 1 hour before or 2 hours after meals with 1 full glass of water.

General infection: 1 capsule (250 mg) every 6 hours, you may be given 2 capsules (500 mg) initially.

For severe infections your doctor may increase your dosage to 500 mg (2 capsules) every 6 hours.

Brucellosis: 2 capsules (500 mg) four times a day with streptomycin

Sexually transmitted diseases: 2 capsules (500 mg) four times a day for between 5 and 30 days depending on your condition.

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Rectal infection caused by *Chlamydia trachomatis*: 500 mg four times a day for at least 7 days.

Usual adult prescribing limits:

Up to 4 grams daily.

Infants and children to 8 years:

Use not recommended.

-When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

-How long to use it

Continue taking Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule for as long as your doctor recommends.

-If you forget to use it

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

When seeking other treatment, inform all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists that you are taking Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

-Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule to anyone else even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

-Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- oral thrush - white, furry, sore tongue and mouth
- vaginal thrush - sore and itchy vagina and/or discharge
- nausea
- vomiting
- loss of appetite
- stomach pain
- darkened tongue
- taste loss
- tooth discolouration

Tell your doctor immediately, or go to the nearest casualty at your local hospital if you notice any of the following:

- skin rash/hives/itchy skin
- difficulty breathing
- fever
- sore throat
- more frequent bruising than normal
- severe sunburn
- yellowing of the eyes or skin (jaundice).

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following side effects, particularly if they occur

several weeks after stopping treatment with Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule.

- severe abdominal cramps or stomach cramps
- watery and severe diarrhoea, which may also be bloody
- fever in combination with one or both of the above

These are rare but serious side effects. You may have a serious condition affecting your bowel. Therefore you may need urgent medical attention. However, this side effect is very rare. Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without checking with your doctor first.

Stop taking Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule and see a doctor straight away if you notice any of the serious side effects listed above. You may need urgent medical treatment:

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835490, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) / Vaccine (AEFI)).

Storage and Disposal of Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule

- Storage

Keep out of reach and sight of children. Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

Do not take Pharmaniaga Tetracycline Capsule after the expiry date stated on the label.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

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Product Description

-What it looks like

Yellow/black, size '2', hard gelatine capsule with characteristic marking.

-Ingredients

- Active ingredient(s):

Each capsule contains Tetracycline Hydrochloride 250mg

- Inactive ingredient(s):

Lactose and Magnesium Stearate

-MAL number(s):

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