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TETRACYCLINE
(Generic Name)

- Generic Name:** Tetracycline
- Purpose:** This medicine is used to treat or prevent certain infections and to help control acne.
- Usage:** Take this medicine with 8 ounces of water to prevent irritation of the esophagus or stomach. It is best to take this medicine on an empty stomach (either 1 hour before or 2 hours after meals). If this medicine upsets your stomach, you may want to take it with food. Do not take milk or other dairy products within 1 to 2 hours of the time you take this medicine.
- Precautions:** Improvement may take a few weeks or months if you are taking this medication for acne. Females taking this medication should be aware that contraceptives or birth control pills might not work as well if you take them while you are taking this medicine. Use an alternate means of birth control while taking it. Anyone taking this medicine may become more sensitive to sunlight than you are normally, so avoid too much sun and do not use a sunlamp.
- Possible Side Effects:** Common side effects, which may go away during treatment, include cramps or burning of the stomach; diarrhea; nausea or vomiting. In some patients this medicine may cause the tongue to become darkened or discolored. This will go away when you stop taking this medicine. If you experience other effects not listed here, contact Dr. Beeson.