



minocin[™]* SA
Minocycline hydrochloride

100MG Capsules
(Minocycline 100mg modified release hard capsules)

PATIENT ADVICE NOTES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Minocin SA?

Minocycline, the active ingredient in **Minocin SA**, is a tetracycline antibiotic used in the treatment of acne. Acne is a skin disorder characterised by pimples and other pustular eruptions which generally appear on the face, chest and back. Minocin SA reduces the infection and allows the eruptions to heal

What is the dose of Minocin SA?

Adults	100mg capsule every 24 hours
Children over 12 years	100mg capsule every 24 hours

Should Minocin SA be prescribed for children less than 12 years old?

Minocin SA is not recommended

Should Minocin SA be prescribed to the elderly?

There are no special dosing requirements

How is Minocin SA taken?

To avoid the risk of irritation and ulceration to your oesophagus, capsules should be swallowed whole while sitting or standing. Unlike earlier tetracyclines (which are antibiotics), absorption of Minocin SA is not affected by food or moderate amounts of milk

How long is Minocin SA taken for?

Treatment of acne with Minocin SA should be continued for a minimum of 6 weeks and where possible limited to a maximum of 6 months. If after 6 months, there is no satisfactory response, Minocin SA should be discontinued and your doctor will advise you on alternative treatments

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What precautions should be taken with Minocin SA?

Minocin SA should be used with caution in patients with mild to moderate liver disease

Moderate amounts of alcohol may be consumed

Isolated cases of worsening or development of SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) have been reported. This may manifest itself as pain or stiffness of joints, rash or fever. As a result, if you are on treatment for 6 months or longer, monitoring should be carried out at least 3 monthly for signs and symptoms of liver disease or SLE

Can Minocin SA be taken with the oral contraceptive pill?

Yes.

If you experience diarrhoea or breakthrough bleeding however, you should seek the advice of your doctor

Can Minocin SA cause hyperpigmentation (staining of various body sites)?

Minocin SA may cause hyperpigmentation. This is seen as staining of various parts of the body, the most frequently reported site is the skin. Staining is usually reversible on stopping Minocin SA

Can photosensitivity occur?

Yes.

Photosensitivity is an increased sensitivity of the skin to sun or other sources of UV light. Should it occur, you are warned to avoid direct exposure to natural or artificial light and to discontinue therapy at the first sign of skin discomfort

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