

Solodyn (minocycline) basics

Treats bacterial infections. Solodyn (minocycline) is effective in treating a variety of bacterial infections such as acne, but it can cause permanent tooth staining, especially in an unborn baby and those who are age 8 or younger.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Solodyn (minocycline) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†					
Dizziness					
Headache					
Tiredness					
Diarrhea					
Upset stomach					
Vomiting					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Take Solodyn (minocycline) with lots of fluids. Also, it may be taken with or without food.
- Can make birth control pills less effective so it is best to use a back up method of birth control while taking Solodyn (minocycline) in order to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.
- If Solodyn (minocycline) is used during pregnancy or in children age 8 or younger, it can cause permanent teeth color changes.
- Take the entire course of the medicine even if you feel better sooner.
- Don't take multivitamins, calcium supplements, iron, or magnesium within 2 hours of taking Solodyn (minocycline) since they can make the medicine less effective.
- Can increase your sensitivity to sunlight and risk of getting sunburned so wear sunscreen and protective clothing.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Yellowing of teeth

Solodyn (minocycline) can cause permanent color changes in the teeth of a fetus (unborn baby) and in children age 8 or younger. Usually, it can turn teeth into a yellow, gray, or brown color. Solodyn (minocycline) shouldn't be used in this age group unless no other alternative treatments are available.

Decreased effectiveness of oral birth control pills

Solodyn (minocycline) may cause oral birth control pills to become less effective. Consider using barrier forms of birth control such as condoms and diaphragms while taking Solodyn (minocycline) to help prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

New infection

Solodyn (minocycline) can rarely cause a bacterial infection that is life-threatening. If you notice symptoms like watery diarrhea, fever, or stomach pain that does not go away, talk to your doctor right away. These symptoms could happen as late as over 2 months after you have stopped taking the medicine.