

**Information about changes to medicines or treatments on the NHS: Changes to minocycline prescribing**

NHS guidance now states that minocycline should not routinely be prescribed because it has been associated with several side effects.

There is also no clear evidence that minocycline is more effective than other similar antibiotics.

## What is minocycline used for?

## Minocycline is an antibiotic that can be used to treat several conditions but it is mainly used for the treatment of acne.

## What options are available instead?

There are alternative once daily antibiotics available that work in the same way as minocycline.

Your doctor or practice pharmacist will talk to you about the different options so that you can come to a joint decision about which treatment is best for you.

## Where can I find more information and support?

* You can speak to your local pharmacist, GP or the person who prescribed the medication to you.
* The Patients Association can also offer support and advice: [www.patients-association.org.uk/](https://www.patients-association.org.uk/) or call 0800 345 7115

Find out more about the medicines that are being stopped or reduced: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/items-which-should-not-routinely-be-prescribed-in-primary-care-policy-guidance/>