



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria
Department of Pharmacy Services

Generic Name: doxycycline

Brand Name: Oracea

Medication Class: antibiotic

FDA Approved Uses: Inflammatory lesions (papules and pustules) of rosacea in adult patients.

Available Dosage Forms: 40mg capsules

Usual Dose: 40mg once daily.

Duration of Therapy: Up to 16 weeks (efficacy beyond that point is not established)

Approximate monthly cost (based on AWP 2006): about \$150/month (\$4.94/ capsule)

Criteria for Use: *(bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted)*

- Clinically documented inflammatory lesions (papules and pustules) of rosacea
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Failed topical treatments.
- Must have tried immediate release doxycycline and intolerant to excipients in the immediate release doxycycline

Cautions:

- Increased risk of overgrowth of nonsusceptible microorganisms, such as fungi. Therefore, Oracea should be used with caution in patients with a history of candidiasis.

Contraindications:

- Hypersensitivity to doxycycline or any of the other tetracyclines

Not Approved if:

- Patient only has generalized erythema that is associated with rosacea.
- Have any contraindications to the use of Oracea.
- Does not meet the above stated criteria.

Special Considerations:

- There is no evidence that Oracea is superior to its generic doxycycline for treating rosacea. For patients who require antibiotic treatment generic doxycycline is a less expensive option.
- Oracea showed no meaningful effect for generalized erythema (redness) of rosacea.
- Oracea has not been evaluated for the treatment of the erythematous, telangiectatic, or ocular components of rosacea.

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