

Medication	Type	Common Adverse Effects	Notes
Oral			
Doxycycline	Antibiotic	Gastric upset, rash, headaches	Can cause birth defects
Levofloxacin	Antibiotic	Gastric upset, headache, tendon damage, peripheral neuropathy, visual disturbances, rash	Do not take with anti-acids containing magnesium hydroxide or aluminum hydroxide
Rifampin	Antibiotic	Red urine/sweat, gastric upset, rash	Red urine/sweat is not dangerous and is expected. Should be avoided while breastfeeding
Metronidazole	Antibiotic	Metallic taste in mouth, gastric upset, headaches, reddish-brown urine, rash	Consuming alcohol with this medication can lead to nausea, skin flushing, and shortness of breath. Tip: Taking a mint prior to this medication can help improve the metallic taste
Clindamycin	Antibiotic	Gastric upset, rash	Can cause severe watery diarrhea
Isotretinoin	Retinoid	Dry lips, dry skin, dry eyes, muscle aches, birth defects, rash	Also used to treat severe acne. Monitored in iPledge, with monthly blood work required. Will cause birth defects if women become pregnant while taking this medication. Two forms of effective contraception are required for the duration of isotretinoin treatment.
Spirolactone	Anti-androgen	Breast tenderness, irregular periods, rash	Can cause birth defects. Potassium should be monitored while on this medication
Injection/Infusion			
Infliximab (Remicade)	TNF-a antibody, used to treat autoimmune diseases	Gastric upset, dizziness, infections, reactivation of tuberculosis, lymphoma, rash	Monthly infusions at an infusion center. Annual Quantiferon (tuberculosis testing) and flu shot (not Flumist)
Adalimumab (Humira)	TNF-a antibody, used to treat autoimmune diseases	Gastric upset, dizziness, infections, reactivation of tuberculosis, lymphoma, neuropathy, rash	Patient administered injections. Annual Quantiferon (tuberculosis testing) and flu shot (not Flumist)
Intralesional steroid injections	Steroid injection	Atrophy of injection site, discoloration of injection site	Injection directly into active lesions
Topical			
Chlorhexidine (Hibiclens) or Benzoyl Peroxide 5-10%	Antimicrobial wash	Allergic reaction, blistering, burning	Can be bought over-the-counter, does not need a prescription
Clindamycin	Antibiotic gel	Dryness, burning, itching	Do not get into eyes, mouth, or nose
Mupirocin	Antibiotic gel	Burning, stinging, headache, nausea	Do not get into eyes, mouth, or nose