

ARX-Dicloxacillin

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using ARX-Dicloxacillin?

ARX-Dicloxacillin contains the active ingredient dicloxacillin. ARX-Dicloxacillin is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using ARX-Dicloxacillin?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use ARX-Dicloxacillin?

Do not use it if you have ever had an allergic reaction to dicloxacillin or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use ARX-Dicloxacillin?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with ARX-Dicloxacillin and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use ARX-Dicloxacillin?

- Your doctor will tell you how much ARX-DICLOXACILLIN you need to take each day.
- For most infections, the usual dose for adults and children over 12 years is 250 mg to 500 mg every 6 hours.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use ARX-Dicloxacillin?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using ARX-Dicloxacillin?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remember any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.• If your symptoms of infection do not improve within a few days, or they become worse, tell your doctor.• If you get severe diarrhoea, even if it occurs several weeks after stopping ARX-DICLOXACILLIN, tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately.• If you develop a yellow discolouration of the skin or eyes, or your stools become pale and you feel unwell, tell your doctor immediately.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not stop taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN even if you feel better after a few days, unless advised to by your doctor.• Do not use ARX-DICLOXACILLIN to treat any other conditions unless advised to by your doctor.• Do not give ARX-DICLOXACILLIN to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your capsules in the bottle until it is time to take them.• Keep ARX-DICLOXACILLIN in a cool dry place below 25°C.• Keep your medicine where children cannot reach it.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using ARX-Dicloxacillin?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Less serious side effects include nausea, vomiting, stomach upset, wind, loose stools, oral thrush or vaginal thrush.

Serious side effects include watery or severe diarrhoea which may also be bloody, blood in urine, excess protein in urine, severe stomach cramps, yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice), pale stools, kidney problems, any type of skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, mouth, throat or other parts of the body, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing.

This is not a complete list of side effects.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

ARX-Dicloxacillin

Active ingredient: *Dicloxacillin sodium*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using ARX-Dicloxacillin. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using ARX-Dicloxacillin.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using ARX-Dicloxacillin ?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use ARX-Dicloxacillin ?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use ARX-Dicloxacillin ?](#)
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1. Why am I using ARX-Dicloxacillin?

ARX-DICLOXACILLIN contains the active ingredient dicloxacillin sodium. ARX-DICLOXACILLIN is antibiotic that belongs to a group of medicines called penicillins. These medicines work by killing the bacteria that are causing your infection.

ARX-DICLOXACILLIN will not work against infections caused by viruses, such as colds or flu.

ARX-DICLOXACILLIN is used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why ARX-DICLOXACILLIN has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed ARX-DICLOXACILLIN for another purpose.

There is no evidence that ARX-DICLOXACILLIN is addictive

2. What should I know before I use ARX-Dicloxacillin?

Warnings

Do not take ARX-Dicloxacillin if:

- You are allergic to medicines containing dicloxacillin or any other penicillin e.g. amoxicillin, cephalosporin antibiotics or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:
 - skin rash, itching or hives
 - swelling of the face, lips, mouth, throat or other parts of the body
 - shortness of breath, wheezing or troubled breathing.

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can take this medicine.

- The expiry date printed on the bottle has passed. If you take the medicine after the expiry date, it may not work as well.
- The packaging shows signs of tampering or the capsules do not look quite right.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have had any type of allergic reaction to other penicillins e.g. amoxicillin, or cephalosporin antibiotics.

You may have an increased chance of being allergic to ARX-DICLOXACILLIN if you are allergic to cephalosporins.

- are allergic to any other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives.
- have, or have had, any other health problems or medical conditions, especially the following:
 - stomach problems such as feeling sick (nausea), vomiting or indigestion
 - problems with food absorption
 - liver problems
 - kidney problems
 - cystic fibrosis.

Your doctor may want to take special care or adjust your dose if you have any of these conditions.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about any of the above.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN during pregnancy.

Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.

Like many other medicines, ARX-DICLOXACILLIN can pass into breast milk. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN when breastfeeding.

Use in newborn infants

ARX-DICLOXACILLIN is not recommended for taking in newborn infants as its safety and effectiveness has not been established in this age group.

Use in patients over 55 years old

Some side effects occur more frequently in this age group. Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits of taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN with you.

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you start taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with ARX-DICLOXACILLIN and affect how it works. These include:

- probenecid, a medicine used to treat gout
- Warfarin, a medicine used to prevent blood clots
- phenytoin, a medicine used to treat epilepsy.

Your doctor can tell you what to do if you are taking any of these medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.

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4. How do I use ARX-Dicloxacillin?

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully.

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the bottle, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

How much to take

- The dose varies from person to person.
- Your doctor will tell you how much ARX-DICLOXACILLIN you need to take each day.
- For most infections, the usual dose for adults and children over 12 years is 250 mg to 500 mg every 6 hours.

How to take ARX-DICLOXACILLIN

- Swallow the capsules whole with a glass of water.
- Take ARX-DICLOXACILLIN on an empty stomach, 1 to 2 hours before food.
- Taking the capsules on an empty stomach means that more of the medicine is absorbed into your body.
- Take your medicine at about the same time each day.
- Taking it at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you remember when to take it.

How long to take

- Keep taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN until you finish your bottle, or for as long as your doctor recommends.

If you forget to use ARX-Dicloxacillin

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your capsules as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.

This may increase the chance of you getting unwanted side effects.

If you miss more than one dose, or are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If you use too much ARX-Dicloxacillin

If you think that you have used too much ARX-Dicloxacillin, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling **13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using ARX-Dicloxacillin?

Things you should do

- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.
- Before starting any new medicine, tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.
- If the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor.
- If you get a sore, white mouth or tongue while taking or soon after stopping ARX-DICLOXACILLIN, tell your doctor. Also tell your doctor if you get vaginal itching or discharge.
- This may mean you have a fungal infection called thrush. Sometimes, the take of ARX-DICLOXACILLIN allows fungi to grow and these symptoms to occur. ARX-DICLOXACILLIN does not work against fungi.
- If you are taking more than one or two courses of ARX-DICLOXACILLIN, you may need to have tests to check your liver, kidneys or blood.

Always follow your doctor's instructions and have the tests performed as directed.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- get severe diarrhoea, even if it occurs several weeks after stopping ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.

Diarrhoea may mean you have serious condition affecting your bowel. You may need urgent medical care.

Do not take any medicine to stop your diarrhoea without first checking with your doctor.

- develop a yellow discolouration of the skin or eyes, your stools become pale, and you feel unwell.

These symptoms may mean that you have a serious problem with your liver. You may need urgent medical care.

Things you should not do

- Do not stop taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN, even if you feel better after a few days, unless advised to by your doctor.
If you stop taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN too soon, your infection may not clear completely and your symptoms may return.
- Do not take ARX-DICLOXACILLIN to treat any other conditions unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not give ARX-DICLOXACILLIN to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

Looking after your medicine

- Keep your capsules in the bottle until it is time to take them. If you take the capsules out of the bottle they may not keep well.
- Store below 25°C.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on windowsills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN.

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• nausea (feeling sick), vomiting, stomach upset, wind, loose stools• oral thrush (white, furry sore tongue and mouth)• vaginal thrush (sore and itchy vagina, vaginal discharge)	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• watery and severe diarrhoea, which may also be bloody• blood in the urine• excess protein in the urine• severe stomach cramps• Yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice), pale stools• kidney problems	Call your doctor straight away or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following, even if they occur several weeks after stopping treatment with ARX-DICLOXACILLIN:

- watery and severe diarrhoea, which may also be bloody
- severe stomach cramps.

Some people may have side effects that are not listed here.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may make you feel unwell while you are taking, or soon after you have finished taking ARX-DICLOXACILLIN, even if it is not on the list.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What ARX-Dicloxacillin contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Dicloxacillin (as dicloxacillin sodium)
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colloidal anhydrous silica• Magnesium stearate,• gelatin,• titanium dioxide,• purified water• TekPrint SW - 9008 Black Ink (2328).

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What ARX-Dicloxacillin looks like

ARX-Dicloxacillin 250mg is a Size '2' hard gelatin capsules with white opaque cap imprinted with 'M' and white opaque body imprinted with '19', containing a white to off-white granular powder. (**Aust R 391293**).

ARX-Dicloxacillin 500mg is Size '0' hard gelatin capsules with white opaque cap imprinted with 'M' and white opaque body imprinted with '20', containing a white to off-white granular powder. (**Aust R 391292**).

Who distributes ARX-Dicloxacillin

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