

Oxford Centre for Respiratory Medicine, Churchill Hospital

Information about Tigecycline

What is Tigecycline?

Tigecycline is a glycycline antibiotic. It kills bacteria by interfering with the ability of the bacteria to form cell walls. This causes the bacteria to break up and die.

Tigecycline is used in combination therapy in the treatment of infections caused by *Mycobacterium abscessus* and *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*

What are the possible side effects of tigecycline?

If you experience any of the following serious side effects, stop taking tigecycline and seek emergency medical attention:

- Allergic reaction: difficulty breathing, swelling of the lips, tongue or throat, or a rash
- Severe abdominal pain with nausea and vomiting
- Pale skin, easy bruising
- Fever, chills, body aches
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes
- Unusual weakness of the muscles
- Diarrhoea that is watery, with or without blood

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Other, less serious side effects may be more likely to occur. Continue to take tigecycline and talk to the CF/Bronchiectasis team if you experience:

- Mild stomach discomfort
- Dizziness
- Numbness, tingling or burning pain
- Headache
- Mild skin rash or itching
- Loss of appetite.

Side effects other than those listed above may also occur. Talk to a member of the CF/Bronchiectasis team about any side effect that seems unusual or that is especially bothersome.

Care:

Your skin may become more sensitive to sunlight while you are using this medication which may cause your skin to burn more easily – please wear a high factor sun block if you are going out in the sun.

Please contact a member of the CF/Bronchiectasis if you are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant while on this medication.