

# Periostat



*Periodontal disease*



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*Preventing periodontal disease*

When we are working to control your periodontal disease, we can prescribe an effective medication called Periostat.

## **How is Periostat used?**

In periodontal disease, the body's immune system produces enzymes that destroy the bone and fibers that hold teeth and gums firmly in place. The active ingredient in Periostat, doxycycline hyclate, blocks the action of these enzymes.

Periostat is a medication in pill form. We usually prescribe it for a number of months, and we'll give you specific instructions about how and when to take the medication.

## **Periostat and your periodontal therapy**

There are some cases in which Periostat may not be an option. The active ingredient in Periostat is in the tetracycline family, so we won't use it if you are allergic to tetracycline, pregnant or nursing, or under the age of eight. If you're taking other medications, let us know, so we can confirm that Periostat is right for you.

Periostat works most effectively when it's used in combination with scaling and root planing procedures. Periostat is not a cure for periodontal disease. Once bone is lost, no medication will bring it back. You'll still need to be very thorough with your daily oral hygiene and come see us regularly for exams.

Periostat is an important medicine that we can prescribe to help stop the ongoing damage caused by periodontal disease.