

# Sarecycline

**Sarecycline** (brand name Seysara) is a prescription-only, narrow-spectrum oral antibiotic approved for treating moderate to severe acne vulgaris in patients 9 years of age and older. It is a tetracycline-class drug that specifically targets the bacteria that cause acne. Sarecycline's narrow spectrum of activity targets the acne-causing bacteria while reducing the impact on other bacteria found in the gut. This is believed to lower the risk of antibiotic resistance and minimize side effects compared to broad-spectrum antibiotics. It also has anti-inflammatory properties that help reduce the inflammatory lesions associated with acne. Dosage is based on the weight of the patient. This medication may be used for long periods to establish the anti-inflammatory effect. Ideally, we will then establish good topical regimen so the oral Sarecycline can be discontinued.

Sarecycline is significantly more expensive than other oral tetracyclines used to treat acne, such as doxycycline and minocycline. It may not be covered by all insurance plans. For patients with insurance, the cost can vary widely, and coupons or savings programs are available.