

with
Vibramycin
doxycycline

The lowest effective dose—
 once a day after the first day
 the key:
Long half-life

Half-life of Vibramycin is significantly longer than that of other agents—
 based on single-dose studies.

18 human subjects	doxycycline 15.1* hours*
18 human subjects	demethylchlortetracycline 12.7 hours*
4 human subjects	tetracycline 8.2 hours*

*With multiple dosing, the cumulative half-life has been reported
 to be approximately 22 hours.

The half-life values between doxycycline and DMCT have a mean difference of ± 2.4 hr; standard error of the mean, 0.87 hr; $t \pm 2.76$, P-value 0.02 and are statistically significant.

Vibramycin owes its long half-life to slow renal clearance...

$\frac{1}{2}$ that of DMCT, $\frac{1}{2}$ that of tetracycline.

Average Renal Clearance in Human Subjects
 (as a per cent of creatinine clearance)

doxycycline	12.0 ± 2.5 (19 human subjects) ⁴
demethylchlortetracycline	26.6 ± 8.8 (19 human subjects) ⁴
tetracycline	62.0 ± 8.0 (4 human subjects) ⁵

The variance values accompanying the average renal clearance %'s
 represent $\pm$ one standard deviation.