

About your medicine

Your doctor has prescribed ceftriaxone for you.

What is this medicine used for?

Ceftriaxone belongs to a class of antibiotics called cephalosporins. It is used to treat certain bacterial infections.

How is this medicine given?

This medicine is given by injection into a muscle or vein.

What possible side effects may it cause?

Certain side effects of this medicine are not unusual and may even disappear during treatment. If any of the following effects persist or are severe, consult your doctor.

- Mild pain, swelling, or redness at the injection site
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Dizziness
- Headache

Consult your doctor as soon as possible if any of these additional effects occur, as they may indicate more serious side effects:

- Allergic reaction (difficulty breathing, severe dizziness, rash, hives, itching, swelling of face/lips/tongue/throat)
- Severe skin reaction (red, swollen, blistering, or peeling skin; sores in mouth/throat/nose/eyes; irritated or red eyes)
- Pale skin
- Severe back or stomach/belly pain
- Dark urine
- Yellow skin or eyes
- Unusual weakness or tiredness
- Fever, chills, sore throat, or unexplained bruising or bleeding
- Chest pain
- Seizures
- Vaginal itching or discharge
- Severe, persistent or bloody diarrhoea

What precautions should I take?

Inform your doctor if:

- You have gallbladder, kidney, or liver disease.
- You are allergic to ceftriaxone, other cephalosporins, penicillins, or any other medicines.
- You have had an allergy to lidocaine or other anaesthetic drugs. These substances may be added to ceftriaxone before administration.
- You are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding.
- You are taking other medicines (prescription or over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, minerals, or herbal products).

When in doubt, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

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