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CEFIXIME

Cefixime is an antibiotic taken by mouth and used for the treatment of certain sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Allergies

- Tell your healthcare provider if you have an allergy to cefuroxime, cefotaxime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, and cefepime.

Pregnancy and Breast/Chest Feeding

- Cefixime may be used with caution during pregnancy and breast/chest feeding. Please consult your healthcare provider.

CAUTION

- If you are receiving a dose of cefixime, do not receive the following vaccinations:
  - BCG vaccine - intravesical – consult with your healthcare provider
  - Cholera vaccine (Vaxchora®) within 14 days of antibiotic therapy
  - Oral Typhoid vaccine (Vivotif®) within 3 days of antibiotic therapy
- **Drug Interactions:** Please note that individual drug interactions are no longer listed in this document. If you are taking any prescription, non-prescription, herbal, or recreational products, please discuss with your healthcare provider.

Side Effects

- You may experience headache, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, and/or gas.
- Get emergency medical help immediately if you have the following signs of an allergic reaction: rashes, hives, itchiness, difficulty breathing, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue and throat.

Instructions for Taking

- Cefixime is usually prescribed as a one-time, single dose.
- May take medication with food to lessen the chance of an upset stomach.

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Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15 and 30°C.
- Protect from heat and moisture.
- Do not use medications beyond the labeled expiry date
- Keep away from the reach of children.

Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
    - One week after your one-dose treatment, AND
    - Your sex partner(s) have also been treated, and one week has passed since the start of their treatment, even if their test results are negative.
- You will need retreatment if you have sex with an untreated partner, or you have sex before either you or your partner(s) treatment is complete. Please discuss with your healthcare provider.

If you have any questions or need further information, please visit http://www.smartsexresource.com or contact your healthcare provider.