

# Medication Information Sheet for Patient

## Cefixime

**Oral (by mouth): Capsule**

This medication is a cephalosporin antibiotic and is used to treat infections.

**DO NOT USE** if you had an allergic reaction to cefixime or other similar medicines. This medication is not right for everyone.

### How to use this medication:

**Capsule:** Swallow whole. Do not cut, break, or chew it.

**Take all of the medicine in your prescription to clear up your infection**, even if you feel better after the first few doses. Do not use more than directed. Never share your medicine with anyone. Keep all medicine out of the reach of children.

**Read and follow the patient instructions that come with this medicine.** Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

**Missed dose:** Take a dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then and take a regular dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up for a missed dose.

**Store the medicine in a closed container at room temperature**, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.

**Tip:** Take this medication with food or milk to avoid upset stomach. Avoid sex for 7 days after completing treatment.

### Drugs and Foods to Avoid:

**Some medicines can affect how cefixime works.** Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products.

**Tell your doctor if you are using any of the following:**

- Carbamazepine
- Birth control pills
- Blood thinners (including warfarin)

### Possible side effects while using this medication:

**Call your doctor right away if you notice any of these side effects:**

- Allergic reaction: Itching or hives, swelling in your face or hands, swelling or tingling in your mouth or throat, chest tightness, trouble breathing
- Blistering, peeling, red skin rash
- Severe diarrhea, stomach cramps, fever

**If you notice these less serious side effects, talk with your doctor:** mild diarrhea, nausea

**If you notice other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, tell your doctor.**



## Warnings while using this medication:

**Tell your doctor if you are** pregnant or breastfeeding, have kidney disease, liver disease, bleeding problems, or are allergic to penicillin.

**Tell any doctor or dentist who treats you that you are using this medicine.** This medicine may affect certain medical test results.

**This medicine can cause diarrhea.** Call your doctor if the diarrhea becomes severe, does not stop, or is bloody. Do not take any medicine to stop diarrhea until you have talked to your doctor. Diarrhea can occur 2 months or more after you stop taking this medicine.

**Call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve or if they get worse.**