

Medication Information Sheet for Patient

Ceftriaxone

Injection/Shot

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

DO NOT USE if you had an allergic reaction to any other cephalosporin antibiotic. This medication is not right for everyone.

How to use this medication:

A nurse or other health provider will give you this medicine.

This medicine is given as a shot into a muscle or through a needle placed into a vein.

Missed dose: You must use this medicine on a fixed schedule. Call your doctor or pharmacist if you miss a dose.

Your doctor will prescribe your exact dose and tell you how often it should be given.

Tip: Avoid sex for 7 days after completing treatment.

Drugs and Foods to Avoid:

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products.

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
- Dark urine or pale stools, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, stomach pain, yellow skin or eyes
- Severe diarrhea, diarrhea that contains blood, or vomiting
- Shortness of breath, tiredness, uneven heartbeat
- Unusual bleeding, bruising, or weakness

If you notice these less serious side effects, talk with your doctor:

- Change or loss of taste
- Dizziness or headache
- Mild rash or itching skin
- Pain, redness, or swelling where the shot is given
- Vaginal itching or discharge

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, or if you have kidney disease, liver disease, anemia, gallbladder disease, pancreas problems, a history of stomach or bowel disease, such as colitis or allergies to penicillin.

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.

Keep all appointments. Your doctor will do lab tests at regular visits to check on the effects of this medicine.

