

## CEFUROXIME (injection)

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### What does it do?

*Cefuroxime* is used to treat and prevent bacterial infections.

### How is it given?

*Cefuroxime* is given as an injection or infusion into a vein, or as an injection into a muscle.

### What if you forget a dose?

The missed dose is given as soon as possible and treatment continued as directed.

*Cefuroxime* is usually given to you by a health professional. If you miss a dose, contact your health professional as soon as possible.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects   | Recommended action              |
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| Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing   | Tell your doctor immediately    |
| Severe or persistent diarrhoea, abdominal pain<br>Small white sores in mouth, furry tongue (oral thrush)<br>Vaginal itch or discharge (vaginal thrush) | Tell your doctor                |
| Diarrhoea, stomach upset<br>Irritation or pain at injection site   | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney or gut problems, have ever had a seizure, or have ever had an allergic reaction to cephalosporins, penicillins or any other medicine.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.