

Cefalexin

Essential medicine status

General description

Cefalexin is a first-generation cephalosporin.

INN

Cefalexin

ATC codes

[J01DB01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

[ACCESS](#)

EML status history

First added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Acute pharyngitis](#)

Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation](#)

Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial cellulitis, erysipelas or lymphangitis](#)

Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Wikipedia

[Cefalexin](#)

DrugBank

[Cefalexin \(Cephalexin\)](#)

Recommendations

Section

Access group antibiotics

- Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid; 250 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid
- Oral > Solid: 250 mg (as monohydrate); 500 mg (as monohydrate)
- Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 125 mg; 250 mg
- Oral > Solid: 250 mg (as monohydrate)

Indications

First choice

[Bacterial cellulitis, erysipelas or lymphangitis](#)

Second choice

[Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation](#) [Acute pharyngitis](#)

Other indications

[Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)