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

### Recommendations

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**Indications**

**First choice**
- Bacterial cellulitis, erysipelas or lymphangitis

**Second choice**
- Acute pharyngitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation

**Other indications**
- Bacterial infection of unspecified site