



General description

Cefalexin is a first-generation cephalosporin.

INN	Cefalexin
ATC codes	J01DB01
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS
EML status history	<p>First added in 2009 (TRS 958) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Acute pharyngitis</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial cellulitis, erysipelas or lymphangitis</p> <p>Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site</p>
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

Acute pharyngitis

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation

Other indications

Bacterial infection of unspecified site

