



General description

Cefalexin is a first-generation cephalosporin.

INN	Cefalexin
ATC codes	J01DB01
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	A 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

Acute pharyngitis

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation

Other indications

Bacterial infection of unspecified site

