Cefotaxime is a 3rd-generation cephalosporin.

**INN** | Cefotaxime
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**ATC codes** | J01DD01
**Medicine type** | Chemical agent
**Antibiotic groups** | WATCH

**EML status history**
- First added in 2009 (TRS 958) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial meningitis
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Osteomyelitis or osteitis
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial infection of joint
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Sepsis without septic shock
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Peritoneal abscess
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Peritonitis
- Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial pneumonia
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Other specified pneumonia
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Acute pyelonephritis
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Inflammatory and other diseases of prostate

**Recommendations**
Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt)

**Indications**

**First choice**
- Other specified pneumonia (Hospital-acquired pneumonia)
- Bacterial meningitis
- Bacterial pneumonia (Community-acquired pneumonia - severe) [children]
  - co-prescribed with amikacin
- Acute pyelonephritis (severe)
  - co-prescribed with amikacin
- Inflammatory and other diseases of prostate (severe)
  - co-prescribed with clarithromycin
- Bacterial pneumonia (Community-acquired pneumonia - severe)
  - co-prescribed with metronidazole
- Peritoneal abscess (severe)
  - co-prescribed with metronidazole
- Peritoneal abscess (mild-moderate)
  - co-prescribed with metronidazole
- Peritonitis (mild-moderate)
  - co-prescribed with metronidazole
- Peritonitis (severe)

**Second choice**
- Inflammatory and other diseases of prostate (mild to moderate)
- Acute pyelonephritis (mild to moderate)
- Sepsis without septic shock
- Bacterial infection of joint
- Osteomyelitis or osteitis

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