**General description**

Cefotaxime is a 3rd-generation cephalosporin

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**Recommendations**
Watch group antibiotics

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