General description

Cefotaxime is a 3rd-generation cephalosporin

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Recommendations

Wikipedia

DrugBank

Cefotaxime
Watch group antibiotics

Indications

First choice

- Other specified pneumonia (Hospital-acquired pneumonia)
- Bacterial meningitis
- Bacterial pneumonia (Community-acquired pneumonia - severe) [children]
- Acute pyelonephritis (severe)
- Inflammatory and other diseases of prostate (severe)
- Bacterial pneumonia (Community-acquired pneumonia - 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

- co-prescribed with amikacin
- co-prescribed with clarithromycin
- co-prescribed with metronidazole
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