




		EMLc	ATC codes: J01DD01
<b>Indication</b>	Bacterial meningitis <span style="background-color: #00728f; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">ICD11 code: 8E71.0Z</span>		
<b>INN</b>	Cefotaxime		
<b>Medicine type</b>	Chemical agent		
<b>Antibiotic groups</b>	<span style="background-color: #00728f; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">W</span> WATCH		
<b>List type</b>	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
<b>Additional notes</b>	3rd generation cephalosporin of choice for use in hospitalized neonates.		
<b>Formulations</b>	Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) ; 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) ; 1 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt) ; 2 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt)		
<b>EML status history</b>	First added in 2025 (TRS 1064)		
<b>Sex</b>	All		
<b>Age</b>	Also recommended for children		
<b>Therapeutic alternatives</b>	The recommendation is for this specific medicine		
<b>Patent information</b>	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more <a href="#">about patents</a> . 		
<b>Wikipedia</b>	<a href="#">Cefotaxime</a> 		
<b>DrugBank</b>	<a href="#">Cefotaxime</a> 		

### Expert Committee recommendation

Listings of medicines for treatment of bacterial central nervous system infections are duplicated in this section from section 6.

### EML recommendations: Bacterial meningitis

**First choice**

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**Second choice**

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cefotaxime

ampicillin

ceftriaxone

benzylpenicillin

cefotaxime

amoxicillin

ceftriaxone

chloramphenicol

amoxicillin

ampicillin

benzylpenicillin

chloramphenicol

