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		EMLc	ATC codes: J01DD04
Indication	Bacterial meningitis	ICD11 code: 8E71.0Z	
INN	Ceftriaxone		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
Additional notes	Do not administer with calcium and avoid in infants with hyperbilirubinaemia.		
Formulations	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) (EML)		
EML status history	First added in 2025 (TRS 1064)		
Sex	All		
Age	Also recommended for children		
Age restriction	> 41 weeks corrected gestational age		
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine		
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . 		
Wikipedia	Ceftriaxone 		
DrugBank	Ceftriaxone 		

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

Second choice

cefotaxime

ceftriaxone

cefotaxime

ceftriaxone

ampicillin

benzylpenicillin

amoxicillin

chloramphenicol

amoxicillin

ampicillin

benzylpenicillin

chloramphenicol

