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Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [J01DD01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: [1C81](#)

INN

Cefotaxime

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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List type

Complementary

Additional notes

3rd generation cephalosporin of choice for use in hospitalized neonates.

Formulations

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

EML status history

First added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#))

Sex

All

Age

Newborn (< 1 month)

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

As part of the comprehensive review of antibacterials was undertaken by the Expert Committee in 2017, listing of cefotaxime was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2017 recommendation(s) for cefotaxime for more information.