




Cefotaxime

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc

ATC codes: [J01DD01](#)

Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site	ICD11 code: 1C81
INN	Cefotaxime	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
Antibiotic groups	<div><div>W</div>WATCH</div>	
List type	Complementary (EML) (EMLc)	
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 Read more about patents . 	
Wikipedia	Cefotaxime 	
DrugBank	Cefotaxime 	

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.

