





# Cefotaxime

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN  
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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		EMLc	ATC codes: <a href="#">J01DD01</a>
Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site	ICD11 code: <a href="#">1C81</a>	
INN	Cefotaxime		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH		
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 ( <a href="#">TRS 958</a> ) Removed in 2017 ( <a href="#">TRS 1006</a> )		
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . 		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Cefotaxime</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Cefotaxime</a> 		

## 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.

