Cefotaxime

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc | ATC codes: J01DD01

Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: 1C41
INN	Cefotaxime
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	WATCH
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 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.

