

## FACTSHEET: Ceftriaxone

**Ceftriaxone is an antibiotic used to treat many bacterial infections.**

**It will kill the bacteria but it will take several days for it to clear from your body.**

### What is Ceftriaxone?

This medication is an antibiotic from the cephalosporin family. It is used to treat many infections including those in the urinary tract or skin, and uncomplicated Gonorrhea. It requires several days to take effect.

### How do I take the medication?

The medication is a needle that can be given in a hospital or clinic setting by a doctor or nurse, but can also be used at home. If you have any questions, speak to the health care professionals who are overseeing your treatment.

### Are there any side effects?

In addition to its desired action, this medication may cause some side effects, including:

- Rash or itch at injection site,
- Diarrhea,
- Headache.

### What are the precautions?

Please tell us if you have an allergy to cephalosporins or penicillin.

### General information

It is important to tell the prescriber about the following:

- Medical history,
- Smoking,
- Pregnancy or breastfeeding,
- Allergies (medication, food, latex, etc.),
- All medications you are taking (prescription and non-prescription).

### What happens after I take the medication?

Do not have unprotected sexual contact (oral, anal or vaginal sex) for 7 days after taking this medication. Treatment should resolve any symptoms in that time.

### What if I have an allergic reaction?

Please seek medical attention immediately if you experience any signs of an allergic reaction including difficulty breathing, chest tightness, facial swelling, rash or hives.

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