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Cefixime

Cefixime (Suprax[®]) is an antibiotic taken by mouth and used for the treatment of certain sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Allergies

- Tell your healthcare provider if you have an allergy to any penicillin antibiotic such as penicillin V-K, amoxicillin (Amoxil[®]) or any cephalosporin antibiotic such as cefixime (Suprax[®]), cephalexin (Keflex[®]), cefaclor (Ceclor[®]), ceftriaxone (Rocephin[®]) or others in this drug class.

Pregnancy and Chest/Breastfeeding

- Cefixime may be used with caution during pregnancy and chest/breastfeeding. Please consult your healthcare provider.

CAUTION

- Allow 24 hours or more to elapse between administration of the last dose of cefixime and oral typhoid vaccine (Vivotif[®]).
- **Drug Interactions:** Please note that individual drug interactions are no longer listed in this document. If you are taking any prescription, non-prescription, herbal, or recreational products, please discuss with your healthcare provider

Side Effects

- You may experience headache, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, and/or gas.
- Get emergency medical help immediately if you have the following signs of an allergic reaction: hives, difficulty breathing, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue and throat.

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Instructions for Taking

- Cefixime is usually prescribed as a one time, single dose. Follow dosage instructions from your healthcare provider.
- Take medication with food to lessen the chance of an upset stomach.

Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15 and 30°C.
- Protect from light, heat, and moisture.
- Do not use medications beyond the printed expiry date.
- Keep away from the reach of children.

Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
 - One week after your 1-day treatment; and
 - Your sex partner(s) have also been treated, and one week has passed since the start of their treatment, even if their test results are negative.
- You will need retreatment if you have sex with an untreated partner, or if you have sex before either you or your partner's treatment is complete. Please discuss with your healthcare provider.

If you have any questions or need further information, please visit <http://www.smartsexresource.com> or contact your healthcare provider.