

CEFUROXIME SXP

cefuroxime sodium

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using CEFUROXIME SXP. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using CEFUROXIME SXP.**

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1. Why am I being given CEFUROXIME SXP?

CEFUROXIME SXP contains the active ingredient cefuroxime sodium.

CEFUROXIME SXP is a cephalosporin antibiotic which targets a wide range of common bacteria. This medicine works by killing the bacteria causing an infection or preventing bacterial growth.

CEFUROXIME SXP is used to prevent infections during surgery.

2. What should I know before I am given CEFUROXIME SXP?

Warnings

You should not be given CEFUROXIME SXP if:

- you are allergic to cefuroxime sodium, penicillins, other beta-lactams or any other cephalosporin antibiotics. Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips or tongue which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing, wheezing or shortness of breath.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any allergies to any other medicines, food, preservative or dyes.
- have or have had any kidney problems. Extra caution in the elderly or with patients with kidney conditions may be required.
- take any medicines for any other condition.
- are having any blood tests, as this medicine may interfere with the results.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. Are there any side effects?

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

There is no experimental evidence of birth defects attributable to CEFUROXIME SXP however; all medicines should be administered with caution.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed. CEFUROXIME SXP is passed through breast milk in small amounts.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with CEFUROXIME SXP and affect how it works. These include:

- combined oral contraceptives
- water tablets (diuretics), such as furosemide
- aminoglycoside-type antibiotics

If you are not sure whether you are taking any of these medicines, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking CEFUROXIME SXP.