

# CEFTRIAXONE

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Ceftriaxone is an antibiotic given by injection into a muscle for the treatment of certain sexually transmitted infections (STI).

## Allergies

Tell your healthcare provider if you have an allergy to any of the following medications:

- Other cephalosporin antibiotics (e.g., cefuroxime, cefixime, cefotaxime, ceftazidime and cefepime)
- Lidocaine or other local anesthetics or drugs of the amide type (e.g., prilocaine). Lidocaine is mixed with ceftriaxone to reduce pain at the injection site.

## Pregnancy and Breast/Chest Feeding

- Ceftriaxone may be used with caution during pregnancy and breast/chest feeding. Please consult your healthcare provider.

## CAUTION

- Tell your healthcare provider if you have any gallbladder, liver, kidney, pancreas or bleeding disorder, or a history of stomach dysfunction, particularly colitis.
- If you are receiving a dose of ceftriaxone, do not receive the following vaccinations:
  - BCG vaccine - intravesical – consult with your healthcare provider
  - Cholera vaccine (Vaxchora®) within 14 days of antibiotic therapy
  - Oral Typhoid vaccine (Vivotif®) within 3 days of antibiotic therapy
- Ceftriaxone may interfere with certain copper-reduction urine glucose tests
- Ceftriaxone is contraindicated in preterm newborns or infants aged 28 days or less and neonates with high blood levels of bilirubin.
- **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 discomfort, redness or swelling at the injection site.
- You may experience diarrhea.
- If any of these effects persist or worsen, please contact your healthcare provider.

## Care Following Treatment

- Please wait in the clinic 15 minutes after your injection.
- If you have any reaction following treatment (e.g., rash, itchiness, difficulty breathing), please inform a staff member immediately.
- If these symptoms occur after leaving the clinic, please seek emergency medical help immediately.

## Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
  - One week after your one-dose treatment, or until you have completed your 7-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 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.