

Prescription Drug Information

Cefaclor



Why is Cefaclor prescribed?

Cefaclor is used to treat infections caused by certain bacteria. These infections include middle ear, bladder, and skin infections, as well as strep throat and pneumonia. Cefaclor works by killing certain bacteria or preventing them from growing. It works only for certain bacteria and not for others. Cefaclor is in a class of drugs known as cephalosporin antibiotics. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for uses other than those listed in this leaflet. If you have any questions please call your doctor or other prescriber.

Before Taking Your Medicine

Check with your doctor or other prescriber. This medication may not be right for you, if you:

- have abdominal problems
- are pregnant
- are nursing
- are a diabetic and checking your urine for sugar: Cefaclor can interfere with the urine test you may be using to test for sugar.
- are taking other medications: Do not take this drug if you are allergic to penicillin or any other cephalosporin-class antibiotic because it is likely that you may also be allergic to Cefaclor.

While You Are Taking Your Medicine

Continue taking Cefaclor even if you feel better. Be sure to take all of the medication for the length of time prescribed for you. If you stop taking your medication too soon, the bacteria can grow back and you may get sick again with the same infection.

- If you miss taking a dose of Cefaclor, take it as soon as you remember.
- If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your medicine as scheduled.
- Do not take double your prescribed dose.

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The most common side effects are mild upset stomach, diarrhea, and rash. Call your doctor if these side effects persist or are bothersome.

Call your doctor or other prescriber if the following side effects occur:

- Swelling of the throat or difficulty breathing
- Hives, itching, and rash
- Severe or bloody diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Tiredness or faintness (that lasts after taking this medication for 24 hours)
- Fever (that lasts after taking this medication for 24 hours)
- Joint aches or stiffness (that lasts after taking this medication for 24 hours)

Shake your bottle well every time before taking this medicine.

Keep Cefaclor in the refrigerator. Throw away any unused portion after the expiration date.

- Each teaspoon (5ml) of Cefaclor for Oral Suspension contains either 125, 250, or 375 mg of cefaclor monohydrate and is pink in color.
- If you suspect that someone may have taken more than the prescribed dose of this medicine, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. This medication was prescribed for your particular condition.
- Do not use it for another condition or give the drug to others.

This leaflet provides a summary of information about Cefaclor and does not contain all possible information about this drug. If you have any questions or concerns, or want more information about Cefaclor, contact your doctor, other health care professional or pharmacist. Your pharmacist also has a longer leaflet about Cefaclor that is written for health professionals that you can ask to read.

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