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## CEFUROXIME DEVATIS 250 mg, 750 mg & 1.5 g Powder for Injection/Infusion

Each vial contains 250 mg, 750 mg or 1.5 g Cefuroxime (as cefuroxime sodium)

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### Consumer Medicine Information

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#### WHAT IS IN THIS LEAFLET

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**Please read this leaflet carefully before you start using Cefuroxime Devatis.**

This leaflet answers some common questions about Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion.

It does not contain all of the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

**Keep this leaflet with the medicine.**

You may need to read it again.

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#### WHAT CEFUROXIME DEVATIS INJECTION/INFUSION IS USED FOR

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Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion contains an antibiotic called cefuroxime, which treats infections caused by bacteria, in different parts of the body and can be used during surgery. It can be given to adults and children. Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion belongs to a group of antibiotics called cephalosporins. These antibiotics work by either killing the bacteria that cause the infections or stopping their growth. Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion will not work against infection caused by viruses such as colds or the flu (influenza).

**Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is used in adults and children to treat infections of the:**

- **lungs or chest**
- **ears, nose and throat**
- **urinary tract**
- **skin**
- **bones and joints**
- **female reproductive organs**
- **brain (*meningitis*)**
- **abdomen (*peritonitis*)**
- **blood (*septicemia*)**

**Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is also used to:**

- **treat a sexually transmitted infection called *gonorrhoea***
- **prevent infections during surgery**

**Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.**

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Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is only available with a doctor's prescription.

Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is not addictive.

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## **BEFORE YOU ARE GIVEN CEFUROXIME DEVATIS INJECTION/ INFUSION**

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### ***When you must not be given it***

Do not use Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion if you have ever had an allergic reaction to Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion or other cephalosporins.

Do not use Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion if you have ever had an allergic reaction to penicillins or antibiotics known as beta lactams. You may have an increased chance of being allergic to Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion if you are allergic to these medicines.

### **Do not take this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack and blister.**

The expiry date is printed on the carton and on each blister after "EXP" (e.g. 11 18 refers to November 2018). The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. If it has expired return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

### **Do not take this medicine if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.**

If the packaging is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

**If you are not sure whether you should be given this medicine, talk to your doctor.**

### ***Before you start using Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion***

**Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.**

### **You must tell your doctor if:**

- you have had an allergic reaction to penicillin or cephalosporin antibiotics
- you have had or have kidney problems
- you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or breastfeeding
- you are over 75 years of age
- you are taking water tablets (diuretics), such as frusemide or aminoglycoside-type antibiotics or the contraceptive pill

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you are given Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion.**

### ***Taking other medicines***

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

Some medicines may affect the way others work. Your doctor or pharmacist will be able to tell you what to do when taking Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion with other medicines.

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## **HOW CEFUROXIME DEVATIS INJECTION/INFUSION IS GIVEN**

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**Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.**  
They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

**If you do not understand the instructions printed on the pharmacist label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.**

### ***How it is given***

Your doctor or pharmacist will tell you how much and how often you will be given Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion.

Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion can be given in three ways:

- as an injection into a vein
- as an injection into a muscle
- as a drip (intravenous infusion)

Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion must only be given by a doctor or a nurse.

### ***How long you will be given it***

Your doctor will decide on the dose and the length of time that you will receive Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion. This depends on the severity of your infection, your age and weight, if you are taking other antibiotics and how well your kidneys are working. Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is generally given three times a day.

Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is generally given alone although sometimes your doctor may prescribe it in combination with another type of antibiotic called an aminoglycoside or together with an antibacterial agent called metronidazole.

Cefuroxime is also available as an oral formulation. This allows your doctor to continue your antibiotic therapy with the same antibiotic when a change from an injection to oral therapy is required.

### ***If you miss a dose***

As this product will be administered to you by a doctor or nurse, it is very unlikely that you will miss a dose. However, if you still think that your dose has been forgotten, tell your doctor or nurse. They will decide when to administer the missed dose.

**If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

### ***If you take too much (overdose)***

As this product will be administered to you by a doctor or nurse, it is very unlikely that you will receive more than you should. But if you still think that you are given too much, tell your doctor or nurse.

**You may experience symptoms such as convulsions.**

**Immediately telephone your doctor, or the Poisons Information Centre (New Zealand: 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766), or go to the Accident and Emergency department at your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have been given too much Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion.**

**Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

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## **WHILE YOU ARE GIVEN CEFUROXIME DEVATIS INJECTION/INFUSION**

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***Things you must do***

Tell your doctor if your infection symptoms don't improve or they become worse.

Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are given Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion.

If you become pregnant or you are breastfeeding while you are using Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion, tell your doctor immediately.

Tell your doctor what medications you are taking. Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion may interfere with the results of some blood tests.

***Things you must not do***

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

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## **SIDE EFFECTS**

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Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion, even if you do not think the problems are connected with the medicine or are not listed in this leaflet.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious; most of the time they are not. Like other medicines, Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion can cause some side effects. If they occur, they are most likely to be minor and temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

Some reported side effects are:

- White furry, sore tongue and mouth (oral thrush)
- Sore, itchy vagina and/or discharge (vaginal thrush)
- Swelling, pain or tenderness at the injection site
- Diarrhea, feeling sick, vomiting, abdominal pain
- Severe chills
- Sore throat or mouth ulcers
- Tendency to bruise or bleed easily
- Injection site pain, swelling and redness along a vein
- Hearing loss (in children with meningitis)

If you think you are having an allergic (hypersensitivity) reaction to Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion, **TELL YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY**. Symptoms include:

- Severe skin rash, itching or hives
- Swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat
- Difficulty breathing and swallowing
- Fever
- Low blood pressure
- Collapse

If any of these side effects persist, or are troublesome, see your doctor or pharmacist.

**Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects.** You may not experience any of them.

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.**

**This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Others may occur in some people and there may be some side effects not yet known.**

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.**

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## **AFTER USING CEFUROXIME DEVATIS INJECTION/INFUSION**

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### *Storage*

**Keep your medicine in a cool dry place in its original package.**

Store at or below 25°C in the original package and protect from light.

The medicine should not be put in the freezer.

**Do not store this or any other medicine in the bathroom, near a sink, or on a window-sill.**

**The medicine should be kept in its pack until it is time for it to be used.**

**If the medicine is taken out of its packaging it may not keep well.**

**Keep your medicine where children cannot reach them.** A locked cupboard at least one and a half meters above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

### *Disposal*

**If your doctor tells you to stop taking Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion or the medicine has passed their expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with it.**

**Return any unused medicine to your pharmacist.**

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## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

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### *What it looks like*

Cefuroxime Devatis Injection/Infusion is a white to faintly yellow powder to which water is added. This results in an off-white suspension. The color of the suspension may vary sometimes.

Cefuroxime Devatis 250 mg, 750 mg and 1.5 g Injection/Infusion are available in packages of 1, 5 and 10 vials, supplied with its package leaflet in a carton box.

Not all forms and pack sizes may be marketed.



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### ***Ingredients***

#### **Active ingredient per vial**

Each 250 mg vial contains cefuroxime sodium equivalent to 250 mg cefuroxime.

Each 750 mg vial contains cefuroxime sodium equivalent to 750 mg cefuroxime.

Each 1.5 g vial contains cefuroxime sodium equivalent to 1.5 g cefuroxime.

#### **Inactive ingredients:**

None.

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