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Pharmacy Services

## Ceftriaxone Injections

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### General Information

Ceftriaxone, known by the brand name Rocephin, is used to treat bacterial infections.

### When You Should NOT Use This Medicine

Do not use this medicine if you have ever had an allergic reaction to penicillin or any type of cephalosporin antibiotic (such as cephalexin, Keflex, Ceftin or Ceclor).

### How To Use and Store This Medicine

Your doctor will prescribe your exact dose and tell you how often to take it.

This medicine is given as a shot into a muscle or vein. A nurse or other trained health professional, such as a home health caregiver, will give you this medicine.

Keep all medicine out of the reach of children, and NEVER share your medicine with anyone.

### If You Miss a Dose

This medicine needs to be given on a fixed schedule. If you miss a dose or forget to use your medicine, use it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use the medicine and skip the missed dose.

If you miss more than one dose, call your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not use extra medicine to make up for one missed dose.

### Drugs and Foods to Avoid

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal products.

### Warnings

Make sure your doctor knows if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have kidney or liver disease, or a stomach disorder such as colitis.

If you have diarrhea while using ceftriaxone, ask your doctor before taking anything to stop the diarrhea.

### Side Effects

Call your doctor right away if you have any of these side effects:

- Allergic reaction: itching or hives, swelling in the face or hands, swelling or tingling in the mouth or throat, tightness in the chest, trouble breathing
- Diarrhea (mild or severe)
- Right-sided stomach pain
- Nausea
- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite
- Severe diarrhea or vomiting
- Unusual bleeding or bruising
- Yellow skin or eyes

If you have problems with these less serious side effects, talk with your doctor:

- Dizziness, headache
- Pain, redness or swelling where the shot is given
- Vaginal itching or discharge

If you have other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, tell your doctor.