

Ceporex Capsules 250mg and 500mg

(cefalexin)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, or pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. WHAT CEPOREX IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Ceporex Capsules contains the active substance cefalexin monohydrate, which is an antibiotic.

Cefalexin is used to treat the following infections caused by bacteria that can be killed by cefalexin:

- Respiratory tract (lung and airways) infections e.g. tonsillitis, pharyngitis and bronchitis
- Middle ear infection (otitis media)
- Skin and soft tissue (e.g. muscle) infections
- Bone and joint infections
- Infections of the reproductive organs and urinary tract (e.g. cystitis), including acute inflammation of the prostate (prostatitis),
- Dental infections.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE CEPOREX CAPSULES

Do not take Ceporex Capsules

- if you are allergic to cefalexin, other cephalosporins (similar antibiotic) or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Section 6). An allergic reaction may include rash, itching, difficulty breathing or swelling of the face, lips, throat or tongue.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist before taking this medicine if you:

- have had an allergic reaction to cefalexin, cephalosporins, penicillins, or other drugs in the past
- develop severe or prolonged diarrhoea during or after taking cefalexin
- have severe kidney disorder (you may need a reduced dose)
- have ever developed a severe skin rash or skin peeling, blistering and/or mouth sores after taking cefalexin or other antibacterials.

Tell your doctor if you are having blood or urine tests. Cefalexin may interfere with these tests.

Acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) has been reported with the use of cefalexin. AGEP appears at the initiation of treatment as a red, scaly widespread rash with bumps under the skin and blisters accompanied by fever. The most common location: mainly localized on the skin folds, trunk, and upper extremities. The highest risk for occurrence of this serious skin reaction is within the first week of treatment. If you

develop a serious rash or another of these skin symptoms, stop taking cefalexin and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately.

Other medicines and Ceporex Capsules
Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any medicines, including those medicines obtained without a prescription.

This is especially important of the following, as they may interact with your Cefalexin:

- Any other antibiotics (e.g. gentamicin, tobramycin, cefuroxime)
- Potent diuretics e.g. furosemide (water tablets used to treat high blood pressure or water retention)
- Probenecid (used to treat gout)
- Metformin (a treatment for diabetes)
- Drugs used to treat leukaemia.

It may still be all right for you to be given Cefalexin and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Driving and using machines

Ceporex should not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

3. HOW TO TAKE CEPOREX CAPSULES

Always take Ceporex Capsules exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Dosage

Adults and the elderly

The usual total daily dose is 1-4g orally, in divided doses.

- Most infections can be treated by 500 mg every 8 hours. For skin and soft tissue infections, sore throat (streptococcal pharyngitis), and mild, uncomplicated urinary tract infections, the usual dose is 250 mg every 6 hours, or 500 mg every 12 hours.
- For more severe infections, larger doses may be needed. A reduced dose is needed for patients with severe kidney disorders.

Use in children

The usual total daily dose for children is 25-50 mg/kg (body weight) in divided doses.

- For skin and soft tissue infections, streptococcal pharyngitis, and mild, uncomplicated urinary tract infections, the total daily dose may be divided and administered every 12 hours.

For most infections the following schedule is suggested:

Children under 5 years:
125 mg every 8 hours.

Children 5 years and over:

250 mg every 8 hours.

In severe infections, the dose may be doubled. In the treatment of middle ear infections, a total daily dose of 75 to 100 mg/kg in 4 doses is required.

If you take more Ceporex Capsules than you should

If you take too many capsules contact your nearest hospital casualty department or tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately. Take this leaflet and any remaining capsules with you.

If you forget to take Ceporex Capsules

If you forget to take your medicine, just take your normal dose as soon as you remember and then continue as before. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Ceporex Capsules

Keep taking the medicine until you have finished the full course of treatment that your doctor has prescribed for you. Do not stop taking the medicine, even if you feel better. This will make sure that the infection has completely cleared.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Tell your doctor immediately if you get any sudden wheeziness, difficulty in breathing, swelling of the eyelids, face or lips, rash or itching (especially affecting your whole body).

Serious side effects

The following side effects are serious. You should stop taking this medicine and contact your doctor immediately if you experience them:

- **Serious peeling or blistering of the skin**
- **Severe diarrhoea**
- **A red, scaly widespread rash with your bumps under the skin and blisters accompanied by fever at the initiation of treatment (acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis). Stop using cefalexin if you develop these symptoms and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately. See also section 2.**

The following side effects have been reported

- Diarrhoea
- Feeling sick (nausea)
- Vomiting
- Indigestion
- Stomach pains
- Measles-like rash, (alone)
- Itching
- Red wheals on the skin (urticaria) (alone)
- Rash with wide spread joint pain and/or stiffness, swollen lymph glands, fever and, possibly, cloudy urine
- Changes in blood counts, which may show up as bruising or a very tired feeling. You will need a blood test to confirm this
- Damage to your liver or kidneys which can only be detected by a blood and/or urine test
- Jaundice (yellow skin and eyes)
- Weakness
- Fainting
- Abnormally excitable behaviour
- Agitation
- Tiredness
- Headache

- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Seeing or hearing things (hallucinations)
- Encephalopathy (non-inflammatory brain disease)
- Convulsions
- Myoclonus (muscle-twitching)
- Itching of the vagina or anus caused by thrush (candidiasis)

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE CEPOREX CAPSULES

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use Ceporex Capsules after the expiry date, which is stated on the label and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store your capsules below 30°C. Store in the original packaging in order to protect the capsules from light.

Do not use Ceporex Capsules if you notice that the pack or any of the capsules are damaged.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Ceporex Capsules contain

The active substance in Ceporex Capsules is called cefalexin. The capsules contain either 250mg or 500mg of cefalexin. The capsules also contain magnesium stearate. The capsule shells are made of gelatin and contain red iron oxide (E172), yellow iron oxide (E172), black iron oxide (E172) and titanium dioxide (E171) as colouring agents. The printing ink on the capsule shells contain Shellac (E904), Dehydrated alcohol (E1510), Isopropyl Alcohol, Butyl Alcohol, Propylene glycol (E1520), Sodium Hydroxide (E524), Povidone (E1201) and Titanium dioxide (E171).

What Ceporex Capsules look like and the contents of the pack

Ceporex Capsules 250mg are Size '2' hard gelatin capsules having a caramel coloured body and grey coloured cap, printed 'CEPOREX on body and 250 on cap' in white.

Ceporex Capsules 500mg are Size '0' hard gelatin capsules having a caramel coloured body and grey coloured cap, printed 'CEPOREX on body and 500 on cap' in white.

Ceporex Capsules 250mg are available in packs containing 20, 28, 100 and 500 capsules and Ceporex Capsules 500mg are available in packs containing 20, 21, 28, 100 and 500 capsules. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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