

Ceporex Tablets 250mg and 500mg

(cefaalexin)

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 side effects are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, or pharmacist. 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 Tablets contain the active ingredient cefalexin, which belongs to a group of medicines called cephalosporin antibiotics.

Ceporex 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 TABLETS

Do not take Ceporex Tablets

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to any cephalosporin (similar antibiotic), such as cefalexin, cefuroxime, cefradine or cefaclor or any 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 or nurse before taking this medicine:

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

If you are having a blood or urine tests, it is important to tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine as it may interfere with these results.

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 Tablets

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

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

- 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 (a treatment for gout)
- metformin (a treatment for diabetes)
- Drugs used to treat leukaemia.

It may still be all right for you to be given Ceporex 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, you should 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 TABLETS

Always take Ceporex Tablets 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 1-4 g 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.

For oral use. The score line on the 500 mg Tablet is only there to help you break the tablet if you have difficulty swallowing it whole.

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

If you take more Ceporex Tablets than you should

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

If you forget to take Ceporex Tablets

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 Tablets

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.

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 your experience them:

- Serious peeling or blistering of the skin
- Severe diarrhoea
- A red, scaly widespread rash with bumps under the skin and blisters accompanied by fever at the initiation of treatment (acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis). See also section 2.

Other side effects of Ceporex Tablets include:

- Diarrhoea
- Feeling sick (nausea)
- Stomach Pain
- Vomiting
- Indigestion
- Measles-like rash, (alone)
- Headache
- Jaundice (yellow skin and eyes)
- Weakness
- Seeing and hearing things (hallucinations)
- Itching
- Red wheals on the skin (Urticaria) (alone)
- Dizziness
- Abnormally excitable behaviour
- Agitation, tiredness
- 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
- Fainting
- Confusion
- 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 or nurse. 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 TABLETS

Keep out of the sight and of children.

Do not use Ceporex Tablets 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 tablets below 30°C. Store in the original packaging in order to protect the tablets from light.

Do not use Ceporex Tablets if you notice that the pack or any of the tablets 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 Tablets contain

The active substance in Ceporex Tablets is called cefalexin. The tablets contain either 250mg or 500mg of cefalexin. The tablets also contain magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, macrogol 400, Opadry OY-S-6927 which contains erythrosine (E127), indigo carmine (E132) and titanium dioxide (E171).

What Ceporex Tablets look like and the contents of the pack

Ceporex Tablets 250mg are pink film-coated tablets with 'Ceporex 250' engraved on one side and plain on the other side.

Ceporex Tablets 500mg are pink film-coated tablets with 'Ceporex 500' engraved on one side and plain on the other side.

Ceporex Tablets 250mg available in packs containing 20, 28, 100 and 500 tablets.

Ceporex Tablets 500mg are available in packs containing 20, 21, 28, 100 and 500 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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