

Ceftazidime Kabi

Ceftazidime (as pentahydrate)

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

Please read this leaflet carefully before you are given Ceftazidime Kabi as an injection.

This leaflet answers some common questions about Ceftazidime Kabi. It does not contain all 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 Ceftazidime Kabi 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.

You may need to read it again.

What Ceftazidime Kabi is used for

Ceftazidime Kabi belongs to a group of medicines called cephalosporins.

Ceftazidime Kabi is used to treat a wide range of infections caused by bacteria. These infections may affect the chest (bronchitis or pneumonia), ears, nose, throat, bladder and urinary tract, skin and soft tissue, stomach or bones.

Ceftazidime Kabi works by killing the bacteria that cause these infections.

Your doctor may have prescribed Ceftazidime Kabi for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions why Ceftazidime Kabi has been prescribed for you.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

There is no evidence that Ceftazidime Kabi is addictive.

Before you are given Ceftazidime Kabi

When you must not be given it

You must not be given Ceftazidime Kabi if:

- **you have ever had an allergic reaction to cephalosporins, penicillins or any of the ingredients listed toward the end of this leaflet (see "Ingredients").**

You must tell your doctor if:

- **you are allergic to foods, dyes, preservatives or any other medicines (in particular cephalosporins, penicillins, chloramphenicol or lignocaine)**
- **you are taking any other medicines, including medicines you buy without a prescription**
- **you are taking oral contraceptives (birth control pills)**
- **you have had to stop taking another medicine for your infection**
- **you have kidney or liver problems**
- **you have had stomach or bowel illness (for example, colitis)**
- **you test your urine for sugar**
- **you need to have your blood tested for a blood transfusion and you are being given Ceftazidime Kabi**

- **you are breastfeeding, pregnant or trying to become pregnant.**

How Ceftazidime Kabi is given

How it is given

Ceftazidime Kabi will be administered as directed under the supervision of a doctor or nurse. You will not be expected to give yourself this medication.

Ceftazidime Kabi will be injected deep into muscle tissue or into a vein. When it is injected into a vein it may be given directly or through a 'drip'.

DO NOT try to use the injection on your own unless your doctor has told you to do so and given you complete instructions.

How long it is given

Ceftazidime Kabi will be administered for as long as recommended by your doctor.

Do not stop taking Ceftazidime Kabi, or change the dose without first checking with your doctor.

Use in children and elderly patients

Consult your doctor before using Ceftazidime Kabi in children or elderly patients.

If you are given too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor or National Poisons Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764766) for advice, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much Ceftazidime

Kabi, even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

If you are not sure what to do, contact your doctor, pharmacist or nearest hospital.

While you are being given Ceftazidime Kabi

Things you must do

Tell your doctor if you are allergic to cephalosporins, penicillins or other antibiotics.

Tell your doctor if you have kidney or liver problems.

Tell your doctor that you are being given Ceftazidime Kabi before taking any other prescribed medicine or performing any urine or blood tests.

Some medicines may affect the way other medicines work.

Things you must not do

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

Do not use Ceftazidime Kabi to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.

Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Ceftazidime Kabi affects you.

Side Effects

Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you think you are experiencing any side effects or allergic reactions due to taking Ceftazidime Kabi, even if the problem is not listed below.

Like other medicines, Ceftazidime Kabi 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.

Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following after receiving Ceftazidime Kabi:

- skin trouble such as a rash, red spots, itching, skin lumps, hives, blisters or peeling
- swelling of the eyelids, face or lips
- diarrhoea (even several weeks after your Ceftazidime Kabi treatment)
- high temperature (fever)
- difficulty breathing
- bruising or bleeding
- shaking or muscle twitches
- wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hayfever, lumpy rash (hives) or fainting. These could be symptoms of an allergic reaction.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following after receiving Ceftazidime Kabi:

- pain or flaking skin where you had the injection
- headache
- stomach pain
- dizziness
- numbness or tingling
- nausea (feeling of sickness) or vomiting
- bad taste in mouth
- sore mouth or tongue
- vaginal discharge, genital itching.

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 any side effects from your medicine which are not mentioned here.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side-effects. You may not experience any of them.

After being given Ceftazidime Kabi

Storage

Ceftazidime Kabi will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. The vials are kept in a cool dry place

where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Product Description

What it looks like

Ceftazidime Kabi looks like a white to pale yellow powder. The powder is reconstituted with sterile water prior to injection. Once made up, the solution should be a clear and light yellow to amber colour.

Ingredients

Ceftazidime Kabi contains the active ingredient ceftazidime pentahydrate. It also contains sodium carbonate.

Supplier

Ceftazidime Kabi is supplied in New Zealand by:
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