

# CEFTAZIDIME JUNO

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO contains the active ingredient ceftazidime ( as pentahydrate). CEFTAZIDIME JUNO is used to treat a wide range of infections caused by bacteria.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to medicines containing cephalosporins or penicillins or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with CEFTAZIDIME JUNO and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How do I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO will always be prepared and given to you by a doctor or another healthcare professional. CEFTAZIDIME JUNO 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'.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

<b>Things you should do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.</li><li>• Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are being given this medicine.</li><li>• If you are about to have any blood or urine tests, tell your doctor that you are being given this medicine. It may interfere with the results of some tests.</li><li>• If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.</li></ul>
<b>Things you should not do</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.</li></ul>
<b>Driving or using machines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how CEFTAZIDIME JUNO affects you.</li></ul>

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Like other medicines, CEFTAZIDIME JUNO may have unwanted side effects in some people. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# CEFTAZIDIME JUNO

Active ingredient(s): *ceftazidime (as pentahydrate)*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.**

**Where to find information in this leaflet:**

- [1. Why am I using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#)
- [5. What should I know while using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?](#)
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- [7. Product details](#)

### 1. Why am I using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO 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.

This medicine belongs to a group of medicines called cephalosporins.

It works by killing the bacteria that cause these infections.

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

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO is not addictive.

### 2. What should I know before I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

**You must not be given CEFTAZIDIME JUNO if:**

- you have ever had an allergic reaction to any medicine containing cephalosporins or beta-lactam antibacterial agents (penicillins, monobactams and carbapenems).
- lignocaine
- you are allergic to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath; wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

**You must not be given this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.**

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

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.
- take any medicines for any other condition
- have or have had any of the following medical conditions; kidney problems, liver problems, colitis or any other stomach or bowel illness, blood clotting disorder, prolonged antibiotic use, central nervous system disorders.

**Tell your doctor if you are prescribed some urine or blood tests or if you are going to have a blood transfusion.**

The results of some tests can be altered by CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.

**If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start taking CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.**

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

### Pregnancy and breastfeeding

**Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.**

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

**Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding.**

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO is excreted in human milk in low concentrations. Therefore, it should be administered to breastfeeding women only if clearly needed.

Tell your doctor if your baby has any signs of diarrhoea or any other illness, or if you notice anything wrong.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

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

**Some medicines and CEFTAZIDIME JUNO may interfere with each other. These include:**

- some antibiotics called aminoglycosides
- diuretics, also called fluid or water tablets
- another antibiotic called chloramphenicol, since both medicines can stop each other working
- oral contraceptives ('the pill').

These medicines may be affected by CEFTAZIDIME JUNO or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.**

## 4. How do I use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

### How much is given

**CEFTAZIDIME JUNO will always be prepared and given to you by a doctor or another healthcare professional.**

Depending on the severity and type of infection, your weight, your age and how well your kidneys are working, your doctor will determine a suitable dosage.

### How it is given

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO 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'.

### How long is it given for

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO should be administered for as long as recommended by your doctor.

### If you are given too much CEFTAZIDIME JUNO

As your dose of CEFTAZIDIME JUNO will be determined and administered by a medical specialist, the chance of receiving an overdose is most unlikely. However, if an overdose should be given, your specialist will give the appropriate treatment.

#### You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you think you or anyone else may have been given too much CEFTAZIDIME JUNO

**You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

You may need urgent medical attention.

## 5. What should I know while using CEFTAZIDIME JUNO?

### Things you should do

**If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.**

**Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are being given this medicine.**

**If the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor.**

**If you are about to have any blood or urine tests, tell your doctor that you are being given this medicine.**

It may interfere with the results of some tests.

**If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.**

### Things you should not do

**Do not use CEFTAZIDIME JUNO to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.**

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

**Do not stop using your medicine or lower the dosage without checking with your doctor.**

### Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how CEFTAZIDIME JUNO affects you.**

Certain side effects, such as dizziness and convulsions, have been reported with ceftazidime, which may affect some patient's ability to drive and use machines.

### Looking after your medicine

**CEFTAZIDIME JUNO will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward.**

#### Before opening:

Store in the original package at a temperature below 25°C. Protect from light.

#### After reconstitution:

To reduce microbiological hazard, use as soon as practicable after reconstitution/preparation. If storage is necessary, hold at 2-8°C for not more than 24 hours and protected from light.

This medicine is for single use only. Any unused solution should be discarded.

**Do not store CEFTAZIDIME JUNO or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.**

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

#### Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

## Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If your doctor tells you to stop using this medicine or the expiry date has passed, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

## 6. Are there any side effects?

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking CEFTAZIDIME JUNO.**

Like other medicines, CEFTAZIDIME JUNO may have unwanted side effects in some people.

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

Do not be alarmed by the following list of side effects.

You may not experience any of them.

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

### Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• skin trouble such as a rash, red spots, itching, skin lumps, hives, blisters or peeling</li><li>• swelling of the eyelids, face or lips</li><li>• diarrhoea (even several weeks after your CEFTAZIDIME JUNO treatment)</li><li>• high temperature (fever)</li><li>• difficulty breathing</li><li>• bruising or bleeding</li><li>• shaking or muscle twitches</li><li>• wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hayfever, lumpy rash (hives) or fainting. These could be symptoms of an allergic reaction.</li></ul>	<p><b>Speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b></p>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pain or flaking skin where you had the injection</li><li>• headache</li><li>• stomach pain</li><li>• dizziness</li><li>• numbness or tingling</li><li>• nausea (feeling of sickness) or vomiting</li><li>• bad taste in mouth</li><li>• sore mouth or tongue</li></ul>	<p><b>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• vaginal discharge, genital itching.</li><li>• Reduced ability to think clearly or concentrate, memory loss, drowsiness, seizures, muscle twitches and personality change. These symptoms may be related to a condition called encephalopathy.</li></ul>	<b>side effects.</b>
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**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

### Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.**

## 7. Product details

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

### What CEFTAZIDIME JUNO contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	Ceftazidime (as pentahydrate)
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	Sodium carbonate
<b>Potential allergens</b>	Ceftazidime (as pentahydrate)

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What CEFTAZIDIME JUNO looks like

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO is a powder for injection and is a white or cream coloured powder. The powder is reconstituted with sterile water prior to injection.

The reconstituted injection solution should be a clear and light yellow to amber colour.

CEFTAZIDIME JUNO is available in two different strength: Ceftazidime Juno 1 g/vial Aust R 120543 – pack(s) of 1, 5 and 10 vials.

Ceftazidime Juno 2 g/vial Aust R 120544 – pack(s) of 1 and 10 vials.

Not all pack sizes are marketed.

## **Who distributes CEFTAZIDIME JUNO**

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