

CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO?

CEFOXITIN JUNO contains the active ingredient Cefoxitin sodium. CEFOXITIN JUNO is used to treat a wide range of infections caused by bacteria.

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

2. What should I know before I use CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO?

CEFOXITIN JUNO will always be prepared and given to you by a doctor or another healthcare professional. CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using CEFOXITIN JUNO?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given CEFOXITIN JUNO.• Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you are being given this medicine.• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not use CEFOXITIN JUNO to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cefoxitin has a major influence on the ability to drive and use machines especially because of the possible occurrence of encephalopathy.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Like other medicines, CEFOXITIN 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.

CEFOXITIN JUNO

Active ingredient: *cefoxitin (as sodium)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using CEFOXITIN JUNO?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use CEFOXITIN JUNO?](#)
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1. Why am I using CEFOXITIN JUNO?

CEFOXITIN JUNO contains the active ingredient cefoxitin sodium. CEFOXITIN JUNO is an antibiotic that belongs to a group of medicines called cephalosporins.

CEFOXITIN JUNO is used to treat many different types of infections caused by bacteria. It works by killing the bacteria responsible for your infection. It may be given with other antibiotics.

2. What should I know before I use CEFOXITIN JUNO?

Do not use CEFOXITIN JUNO if:

- you are allergic to cefoxitin sodium, or any other cephalosporin antibiotics, or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.
- you have ever had a severe allergic (hypersensitive) reaction (e.g., severe skin peeling; swelling of the face, hands, feet, lips, tongue or throat; or difficulty swallowing or breathing) to any other type of beta-lactam antibiotic (penicillins, monobactams and carbapenems).

Tell your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
 - kidney disease
 - liver disease
 - central nervous system disorders
- take any medicines for any other condition

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

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Like most cephalosporin medicines, cefoxitin is not recommended for use during pregnancy. If there is a need to consider cefoxitin during your pregnancy, your doctor or pharmacist will discuss with you the benefits and risks of using it.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Like most cephalosporin medicines, cefoxitin is not recommended while you are breast-feeding. If there is a need to consider cefoxitin while you are breast feeding, your doctor or pharmacist will discuss the possible risks and benefits of using it.

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 CEFOXITIN JUNO may interfere with each other. These include:

- warfarin or phenindione (medicines used to stop blood clots)
- frusemide (a medicine used to reduce fluid or blood pressure)
- gentamicin (a medicine used to treat severe infections)
- probenecid, a medicine used to treat gout.

Talk to your doctor about the need for an additional method of contraception while being given cefoxitin.

Some antibiotics may decrease the effectiveness of some birth control pills, although this has not been shown with cefoxitin.

These medicines may be affected by CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO.

4. How do I use CEFOXITIN JUNO?

How much to take / use

CEFOXITIN 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

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

If you are given too much CEFOXITIN JUNO

As your dose of CEFOXITIN 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.

If you use too much CEFOXITIN JUNO

If you think that you have used too much CEFOXITIN JUNO, you may need urgent medical attention.

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.

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

5. What should I know while using CEFOXITIN 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO.

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

It may interfere with the results of some tests.

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

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

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

Tell your doctor if you have any types of allergies to penicillin antibiotics. You may have an increased chance of being allergic to Cefoxitin if you are allergic to penicillins.

Tell your doctor if you have had an allergic reaction to lignocaine. In this case Cefoxitin should not be mixed with lignocaine and given to you. Sometimes Cefoxitin Juno is mixed with lignocaine hydrochloride so that the injection into the muscle is less painful.

Inform your doctor straight away if you do not feel well while you are being treated with CEFOXITIN JUNO.

This medicine helps most people with infections, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

Driving or using machines

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

CEFOXITIN JUNO may have a major influence on the ability to drive and use machines due to the possible occurrence of encephalopathy.

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

Looking after your medicine

CEFOXITIN 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.

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

Do not store CEFOXITIN 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 meters above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

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?

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.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">oral thrush - white, furry, sore tongue and mouthvaginal thrush - sore and itchy vagina and/or dischargenausea, vomiting or mild diarrhoeapain or a change in the appearance of the vein at the site of the injectionabdominal paindiarrhoea, usually with blood and mucus, stomach pain and fever.	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">signs of an allergic reaction, such as rash, itching or hives on the skin; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathingfeversevere diarrhoealight-headedness or dizzinessyellowing of the skin and/or eyesproblems with urination.a severe skin rash or reaction.decreased consciousness,abnormal movements, confusion, agitation, convulsions or seizures.Exacerbation of myasthenia gravis	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

Treatment with Cefoxitin, particularly in elderly patients with serious kidney or nervous system problems may rarely cause brain or nervous system disorders.

If you get severe diarrhoea, tell your doctor immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after cefoxitin has been stopped. Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.

Diarrhoea may mean that you have a serious condition affecting your bowel. You may need urgent medical care.

If you get a sore, white mouth or tongue while you are being treated with, or soon after stopping treatment with Cefoxitin, tell your doctor. Also tell your doctor if you get vaginal itching or discharge.

This may mean you have fungal infection called thrush. Sometimes the use of this medicine allows fungi to grow and the above symptoms to occur. Cefoxitin does not work against fungi.

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. 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 CEFOXITIN JUNO contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Cefoxitin (as sodium)
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	NA
Potential allergens	Cefoxitin (as sodium)

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

What CEFOXITIN JUNO looks like

CEFOXITIN JUNO is a powder for injection and is a white to slightly yellow sterile powder.

CEFOXITIN JUNO is available in packs of 5 or 10 vials in two different strengths:

CEFOXITIN JUNO 1 g/vial Aust R 50310.

CEFOXITIN JUNO 2 g/vial Aust R 50311.*

*Not marketed

Who distributes CEFOXITIN JUNO

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