

## Cefixime (Suprax)

**Cefixime (Suprax)** is an antibiotic used to treat the sexually transmitted infection (STI) gonorrhoea.

**Do NOT take this medication** if you have an allergy to cephalosporin or penicillin antibiotics.

### How to take cefixime:

- Take one pill only.
- It can be taken with or without meals.
- If you vomit within one hour of taking this medication, contact the clinic as your treatment will need to be repeated.

### Precautions:

- Let your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist know if you have a gastro-intestinal (stomach or bowel) illness.
- Do not have any sexual contact for seven days after your treatment. This includes oral sex, vaginal sex, anal sex, digital sex (fingers), and sex with a condom.
- Do not have any sexual contact with your partner for seven days after his or her treatment (if treated with cefixime).
- It is best not to drink alcohol until 48 hours after treatment is completed.
- The effects of the birth control pill, the patch, and the ring are not affected by taking this antibiotic.
- Tell your doctor or nurse if you think you may be pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding. A different treatment may be given.

### Common side effects:

Upset stomach, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea are the most common side-effects. Headache and dizziness may also occur. These side-effects are usually mild to moderate. This antibiotic is not known to decrease the effectiveness of hormonal birth control.

If you have any questions, call KFL&A Public Health at 613-549-1232 or 1 800-267-7875, ext. 1275.

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