

AXCEL CEFUROXIME-250 CAPSULE

Cefuroxime Axetil (250mg)

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What Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule is used for

Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule is used for the following:

- Lower respiratory tract infection (example: acute and chronic bronchitis and pneumonia).
- Upper respiratory tract infection (example: ear, nose and throat infections such as otitis media, sinusitis, tonsillitis and pharyngitis).
- Genitourinary tract infections (example: pyelonephritis, cystitis and urethritis).
- Skin and soft tissue infection (example: furunculosis, pyoderma and impetigo).
- Gonorrhoea (sexually transmitted infection), acute uncomplicated gonococcal urethritis (inflammation of the urethra) and cervicitis (inflammation of the cervix).

How is Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule works

Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule belongs to a group of medicines called cephalosporin antibiotics. The active ingredient in Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule (cefuroxime axetil) works by killing bacteria (germs) that cause infections.

Before you use Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule

– *When you must not use it*

Do not take Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule if:

- you are allergic or hypersensitive to cephalosporin antibiotic. Some of the symptoms of allergic reaction may include skin rash, itchiness, shortness of breath, swelling of the face, lips or tongue.

– *Before you start to use it*

Tell your doctor if:

- you are allergic to any medicines.
- you have had a serious allergic reaction to penicillins. There may be an increased risk of you being allergic to Cefuroxime if you are allergic to penicillins.
- you are receiving concurrent treatment with potent diuretics.
- Please consult your doctor before start to use Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed. Your doctor will have weighed the risks of you taking Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

– *Taking other medicines*

You should tell your doctor if you are taking the following medicine as it may interact with your Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule:

- Frusemide (water pills)
- Probenecid for gout
- Medicines that reduce gastric acidity
- Cephalosporins

Your doctor or pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or to avoid while taking Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule.

How to use Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule

– *How much to use*

For oral administration only.

Dosage in adults:

Most infections will respond to 250mg twice per day. Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the bottle, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Dosage in children:

The usual dose is 125mg bd or 10mg/kg bd to a maximum of 250mg daily. Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule is not recommended for children under 3 months of age.

If you are elderly or have kidney problem, your doctor might give you a dosages up to the normal maximum of 1g per day.

The usual course of therapy is seven day.

Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule should be taken after food for optimum absorption.

– *When to use it*

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to take Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule according to the type of infection you have.

– *How long to use it*

- Take this medicine as stated in the leaflet without exceeding the dosage.
- Follow any recommendations and advices from your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not stop taking medication, even if you feel better after a few days, unless advised by your doctor. Your infection may not clear completely if you stop taking your medicine too soon.

– *If you forget to use it*

- Do not double up the dosage as Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule may give you unacceptable side effects.

– *If you use too much (overdose)*

- It is advisable for you to contact your doctor immediately or go to

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the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital if you did take Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule too much. Taking too many tablets may cause seizure.

While you are using it

– Things you must do

- Tell your doctor if unexpectedly you need to take any other medicines.
- Take the Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule according to the recommended dosage.
- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you experience any side effects that are not listed in this leaflet.
- If you get severe diarrhoea tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

– Things you must not do

- Do not take your medicine more than the suggested frequency in a day.
- Do not over dosage the medicine during any single consumption.
- Do not give Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

– Things to be careful of

- Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Axcel Cefuroxime 250 capsule affects you.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/ pharmacist for further information. The following side effects have been reported:

Stomach and intestinal disturbances, including diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting, have occurred in some patients receiving Cefuroxime Axetil. As with other broad-spectrum antibiotics, there have been reports of pseudomembranous colitis (inflammation of the colon). Headache has also been reported. There have been rare reports of erythema multiforme (skin disorder

caused by allergic reaction or infection), Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis (severe skin reaction), thrombocytopenia (low platelet count), leucopenia (decrease in the number of white blood cell), jaundice, haemolytic anaemia (abnormal breakdown of red blood cells) and hypersensitive reactions including skin rashes, urticaria (hives), pruritus (itching), drug fever, serum sickness and very rarely anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction). Eosinophilia (higher than normal level of eosinophils) and transient increases of hepatic enzyme levels (ALT and AST) have been noted during Cefuroxime therapy.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers -> Reporting).

Storage and disposal of Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule

– Storage

Keep Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule out of reach of children. Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed and protect from light.

– Disposal

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.

Product description

– What it looks like

Axcel Cefuroxime-250 Capsule is a purple / Amethyst, size 0 hard gelatin capsule.

– Ingredients

Active Ingredient (s):
Cefuroxime Axetil

Inactive Ingredients:

Lactose Hydrous, PVP-CL, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate and Magnesium Stearate.

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