



Ceftriaxone

Treatment

- An antibiotic used to treat sexually transmitted infections.

How do I take this medication?

- Given by intramuscular (IM) injection.

Important things to know:

- Make sure you've disclosed any allergies and any medications you are taking.
- Do not have any sexual contact for 7 days after taking your treatment.
- If you still have symptoms after treatment, contact the Sexual Health Clinic or your health care provider.

Possible Side Effects

Common:

- Pain or tenderness at the injection site
- Diarrhea

Less Common:

- Nausea/vomiting
- Headache/dizziness
- Change in taste
- Malaise
- Sweating/hot flashes
- Swelling/tingling of the hands or feet
- Abdominal pain/cramping

***Although rare, Ceftriaxone can result in serious complications. If you have severe diarrhea, severe abdominal pain, skin reactions or other concerns please seek medical attention immediately.**

Allergic Reaction

Please remain in the waiting room for **20 minutes** after your treatment to monitor for an allergic reaction. If you experience any of the following, inform the nurse right away:

- Hives with itching
- Itchiness, tearing, nasal congestion or facial flushing
- Painless swelling around the face and mouth



- Sneezing, coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing or difficulty swallowing

*** If you are at home and develop signs of an allergic reaction – please go to your nearest emergency department or call 911.**

Follow Up Testing

Anyone who has had Gonorrhea should be re-tested after treatment – your health care provider will discuss testing options with you.

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