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CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED

Cefalexin 250 mg Capsules

Contains sugar (lactose) 6 mg per capsule.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have further questions, please ask your doctor, pharmacist, nurse or other healthcare provider.
- **CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED** has been prescribed for you personally and you should not share your medicine with other people. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

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1. What CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED are and what they are used for

The active substance is Cefalexin. It is an antibiotic which belongs to a class of antibiotics called cephalosporins. It is used to treat the following infections caused by bacteria that can be killed by cefalexin: Infections of the lungs and airways, ears, skin, bones and joints, urinary and reproductive tracts, including inflammation of the prostate gland. They are also used to treat dental infections.

2. What you need to know before you take Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed

Do not take Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed if you are hypersensitive (allergic) to cefalexin or other cephalosporins (similar antibiotics) or to any of the ingredients in Cefalexin 250 Capsules

Resmed. An allergic reaction may include rash, itching, difficulty breathing or swelling of the face, lips, throat or tongue.

Warnings and precautions

Take special care with Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed if you have

- An allergy to the penicillin group of antibiotics
- Kidney problems
- Inflammation of the large intestine, symptoms include diarrhoea, pain and fever.

Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed may give a false result for certain blood tests (e.g. Coombs' test) and the glucose urine test.

Take special care with Cefalexin: Acute generalised exanthematous (AGEP) has been reported with the use of cefalexin. AGEP appears at the initiation of treatment as a red, scaly widespread rash with bumps under the skin and blisters accompanied by fever. The most common location: mainly localised on the skin folds, trunk, and upper extremities. The highest risk of occurrence of this serious skin reaction is within the first week of treatment. If you develop a serious skin rash or another of these skin symptoms, stop taking cefalexin and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately.

CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED contain lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED. Lactose may have an effect on the control of your blood sugar if you have diabetes mellitus.

Other medicines and Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed

Always tell your health care provider if you are taking any other medicine. (This includes all complementary or traditional medicines.) In particular, tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following:

- other antibiotics,
- diuretics (water tablets) such as furosemide,
- probenecid for a treatment of gout
- metformin for treatment of diabetes
- drugs used to treat leukemia.

It may be still be all right for you to be given Cefalexin Capsules and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other health care provider for advice before taking this medicine.

Driving and using machines

Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed are not expected to affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

3. How to take Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed

Do not share medicines prescribed for you with any other person.

Always take CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. Your doctor will tell you how long your treatment with CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED will last. Do not stop treatment early because your infection may reoccur. If you have the impression that the effect of CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED is too strong or too weak, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

The usual adult dose is one capsule every 6 hours. For some infections the usual dosage is 250 mg every 6 hours or 500 mg every 12 hours. Swallow the capsules whole with water.

Children over 5 years: Your doctor will calculate the correct dose, depending on the child's weight.

If you take more CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED than you should

In the event of overdosage, consult your doctor or pharmacist. If neither is available seek help at the nearest hospital or poison control centre.

If you forget to take CEFALEXIN 250 CAPSULES RESMED

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time to take the next dose, skip the missed dose and carry on as before. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed

Keep taking Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed until your doctor tells you to stop. Do not stop taking it just because you feel better. If you stop taking Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed, your infection may return or get worse.

4. Possible side effects

Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed can have side effects.

Not all side effects reported for Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed are included in this leaflet.

Should your general health worsen or if you experience any untoward effects while taking Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed, please consult your health care provider for advice.

If any of the following happens, stop taking Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed and tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital:

- rash, fever, itchy skin, swelling of the lips, eye lids, tongue, difficulty in breathing or sudden wheeziness.

These are all very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious reaction to Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:

- serious peeling or blistering of the skin or severe diarrhoea.

These are all serious side effects. You may need medical attention.

The following side effects have been reported:

Frequent side effects

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, changes in blood counts, skin rash, itching, fever.

Less frequent side effects

Convulsions, pseudomembranous colitis, jaundice.

Frequency unknown

Inflamed vagina, abdominal cramps, headache, dizziness, drowsiness and fatigue

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to store Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed

Store all medicines out of reach of children. Store at or below 30⁰ C, protected from moisture. Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist. Do not dispose of unused medicine in drains or sewerage systems (e.g. toilets).

6.Contents of the pack and other information

What Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed contain

The active ingredient is cefalexin 250 mg. The other ingredients are lactose anhydrous, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, gelatin, sodium lauryl sulphate and colourants.

What Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed look like and contents of the pack

Cefalexin 250 Capsules Resmed are green/white coloured hard gelatin size '2' capsules containing white to off white granular powder. They are packed in cartons containing 10 x 10 capsules in blister packing.

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