

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

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### CEFACLOR ALKALOID

500mg Capsules

#### CEFACLOR

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*• Keep this leaflet • You may need to read it again • If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist • This medicine has been prescribed for you only • Do not pass it on to others • It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours • If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist • This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet •*

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#### 1 WHAT CEFACLOR CAPSULES ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE USED FOR

Cefaclor capsules contain the active ingredient cefaclor, which is an antibiotic.

Cefaclor capsules are used to treat the following infections caused by bacteria that can be killed by cefaclor:

- Bronchitis
- Infection of lung tissue (pneumonia)
- Bladder (cystitis) and kidney infections
- Throat infections including tonsillitis and pharyngitis
- Middle ear infections (otitis media)
- Skin and soft tissue (e.g. muscle) infections
- Infection of the sinuses (sinusitis).

#### 2 BEFORE YOU TAKE CEFACLOR CAPSULES

##### **Do not take Cefaclor capsules if**

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to cefaclor, any cephalosporin (other similar antibiotics) or any of the other ingredients of Cefaclor capsules. An allergic reaction may include rash, itching, difficulty breathing or swelling of the face, lips, throat or tongue.

### ***Take special care with Cefaclor capsules if you***

- have had an allergic reaction to penicillins or other drugs in the past
- have a history of gastrointestinal disease, especially inflammation of the colon (colitis)
- have severe kidney problems

Tell your doctor if you are having blood or urine tests. Cefaclor capsules may interfere with these tests.

### ***Taking other medicines***

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, or have recently taken, any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. This is especially important of the following, as they may interact with your Cefaclor capsules:

- warfarin (a blood thinner)
- probenecid (a treatment for gout).

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

### ***Pregnancy and breast-feeding***

You should tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist before taking any medication.

### ***Driving and using machines***

Cefaclor capsules should not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

## ***3 HOW TO TAKE CEFACLOR CAPSULES***

Always take Cefaclor capsules exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

### ***Dosage***

**Adults and the elderly:** The usual dose is one capsule taken orally three times a day. Your doctor will tell you if you need a different dose. Patients with a severe kidney disorder or patients receiving dialysis may need a reduced dose.

**Children:** Cefaclor capsules are not recommended for children.

### ***If you take more Cefaclor capsules than you should***

Go to the nearest accident and emergency department or tell your doctor straight away.

### ***If you forget to take Cefaclor capsules***

If you miss a dose, take one as soon as you can. If you have missed several doses, tell your doctor.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

## ***4 POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS***

Like all medicines, Cefaclor capsules can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. All medicines can cause allergic reactions, although serious allergic reactions are very rare. Tell your doctor immediately if you get any sudden wheeziness, difficulty in breathing, swelling of the eyelids, face, lips or limbs, rash or itching (especially affecting your whole body).

### ***Serious side effects***

The following side effects are serious. You should stop taking this medicine and contact your doctor immediately if you experience them:

- serious peeling or blistering of the skin
- severe diarrhoea, possibly with blood or mucus.

The following side effects have been reported

- diarrhoea
- feeling sick (nausea)
- vomiting
- measles-like rash, (alone)
- itching
- red wheals on the skin (urticaria) (alone)
- rash with wide spread joint pain and / or stiffness, swollen lymph glands, fever and, possibly, cloudy urine
- swollen arms or legs
- breathlessness
- changes in blood counts, which may show up as bruising or a very tired feeling. You will need a blood test to confirm this.
- damage to your liver or kidneys which can only be detected by a blood and / or urine test
- jaundice (yellow skin and eyes)
- weakness
- pins and needles in the hands or feet
- fainting
- abnormally excitable behaviour
- agitation
- nervousness
- sleeplessness
- confusion
- tight muscles
- dizziness
- seeing or hearing things (hallucinations)
- itching of the vagina caused by thrush (candidiasis).

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

#### *5 HOW TO STORE CEFACLOR CAPSULES*

Cefaclor capsules should be kept out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not store above 25°C.

Store in the original packaging and protect from light. 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.

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