

Partner Treatment for Gonorrhea

Why am I getting this prescription/medication?

You have been exposed to gonorrhea and it is important that you are properly treated.

What is this medicine?

The medicine you are getting is an antibiotic called cefixime and will cure gonorrhea, but not other STDs.

How should I take the medicine?

- Take all the pills at once by mouth. You need all of it to work properly.
- Take it on an empty stomach at least one hour before eating or two hours after eating.
- If you vomit within an hour after taking the medicine, you will need to get more medicine because it did not have time to work.

What should I do after taking this medicine?

DO NOT HAVE SEX (oral, vaginal, or anal) for at least 7 days after both you and your partner have been treated. You can get Gonorrhea again if you have sex before the medicine cures you and your partner(s). You should be retested for Gonorrhea 3 months after treatment.

What if I decide not to take the medicine?

It is strongly recommended that you visit your healthcare provider and get tested for all STDs (including HIV) as soon as possible. You can have more than one STD at a time. Gonorrhea that is not treated can lead to serious health problems.

DO NOT TAKE this medicine if:

- You are having lower belly pain, cramps, pain during sex, vomiting, pain in testicles, or fever.
- You are allergic to or have ever had a bad reaction to any antibiotic.
- You have any serious health problems like kidney, heart or liver disease, seizures, or are currently taking blood thinners.

If any of the above is true, please see a healthcare provider for an alternative treatment.

What if I have questions?

Contact your healthcare provider or your local health department if you have any questions regarding this medication. And for information on STDs, you can call the West Virginia STD Hotline weekdays 8AM to 4PM at 1- 800-642-8244.