

# Partner Treatment for **Gonorrhea**



## Why am I getting this prescription/medication?

**You have been exposed to gonorrhea.** It is important that you are properly treated. You are getting medication because you had sex with someone who has gonorrhea and you may have been infected.

## What is gonorrhea?

Gonorrhea is a commonly reported sexually transmitted infection (STI). Often, people with gonorrhea do not have symptoms, however symptoms can include, but are not limited to, vaginal, penile, or rectal discharge, pain with urinating or pooping, vaginal bleeding between periods, and painful or swollen testicles. Untreated gonorrhea can cause severe complications including infertility and ectopic pregnancy.

## Is it important to see a health care provider?

**Yes.** It is strongly recommended that you visit your health care provider and get tested for STIs (including HIV). **You can have more than one STI at a time.**



## What if I am pregnant or might be pregnant?

Gonorrhea can be passed from pregnant person to baby during birth. Untreated gonorrhea can cause health problems during pregnancy and for the baby after birth. See your health care provider as soon as you can. Tell them your sex partner has gonorrhea. The antibiotic you are getting is safe to take if you are pregnant.

## DO NOT TAKE this medicine if:

- You are having lower belly pain, cramps, pain during sex, vomiting, pain in the testicles, or fever. **Please seek immediate medical attention.**
- You are allergic to this medication or have ever had a bad reaction, rash, or breathing problems after taking any antibiotics.
- You have any serious health problems like kidney, heart, or liver disease, seizures, or are currently taking blood thinners.



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## What kind of medicine am I getting?

The antibiotic you are getting is Cefixime. It will only cure gonorrhea, it will not cure other STIs.

Cefixime 800 mg: take by mouth as directed.



**Do not share this medicine.**

## Are there side effects from this medication?

The most common side effects are upset stomach, cramping, or diarrhea. Taking this medication with food may reduce the likelihood of these side effects.



Do not have any kind of sex (oral, anal, or vaginal) with or without condoms for 7 days after you take this medicine.

## Next steps after treatment:

- Talk to a health care provider about regular STI testing. We encourage you to get tested in three months, or sooner if you develop symptoms.
- Use condoms consistently and correctly with every sexual act to decrease your risk of getting an STI.
- Keep in mind that having one STI makes it more likely that you will get another STI, like HIV.

## Questions?

Please contact your health care provider if you have any questions regarding this medication or STIs in general.

