



## Ceftriaxone

This antibiotic is injected into the hip muscle, and is the preferred treatment for gonorrhea, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), and epididymitis.

### Tell your doctor, nurse, or nurse practitioner if you:

- Have an allergy to cephalosporins, lidocaine, or any other antibiotics
- Are breastfeeding
- Are taking any medication or recently had a typhoid vaccine or BCG

### Possible side effects:

- Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting or headache

### Getting this medication:

- This medication is given as 1 injection into the hip muscle.
  - To reduce pain, it is mixed with lidocaine, a local numbing agent.
- You must wait in the clinic for **15 minutes** after the injection.

### To ease discomfort at injection site:

- Use warm or cold compresses (15 minutes at a time), take a warm bath

### Precautions after getting this medication:

- Do not have sex until 7 days after treatment even with condoms.
- Do not have sex with any untreated partners.
- If your symptoms do not go away, see your healthcare provider.
- Notify your clinician if after the injection you develop:
  - Very bad stomach or back pain, dizziness, weakness, fever, chills
  - Dark urine, yellow skin or eyes
  - Diarrhea that is watery or bloody
- Tell us immediately if you develop a rash, itching, vomiting, tightness in your chest or throat, trouble breathing, swelling of the face, lips or tongue. If you have these symptoms after you have left the clinic, seek emergency medical care.

**For information, call the Sexual Health Clinic 613-234-4641**

