

# Medication Information

## Cefazolin – Intravenous (IV) (se – FA – zoh – lin)

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### Other names for this medication

Ancef®

### While taking this medication you may notice:

- nausea
- upset stomach
- headache
- rash and/or itchiness

Please tell your health care provider if you have had of any history of allergies, including the type and severity of the reaction.

### Contact your health care provider right away or go to the emergency department if you notice:

- severe diarrhea and/or abdominal pain
- no improvement or worsening of your infection
- a temperature higher than 38°C (100.4°F)
- worsening skin rash or hives
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- swelling of hands, face, throat, tongue or lips
- seizures or convulsions

This medication information handout does not list all possible unwanted effects. Keep track of changes after you start taking this medication and report any unwanted effects to your health care provider.

## **Common medications that interact with cefazolin**

Use caution with vitamin K antagonists, such as warfarin, while taking cefazolin.

If you are on warfarin, your health care provider may ask you to get your INR checked more often as taking these drugs together may increase the risk of bleeding.

Speak to your pharmacist or health care provider if you take this medication.

**Pregnancy:** Cefazolin is generally safe to use during pregnancy. If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, talk to your health care provider about the risks and benefits of taking this medication.

**Breastfeeding:** Cefazolin is generally safe to use while breastfeeding. Please discuss the risks and benefits of taking this medication with your health care provider.

**Children:** Cefazolin is safe to use with infants, children and adolescents.