

# 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 if I don't have a sexually transmitted disease (STD)?

Many STDs don't have symptoms, including gonorrhea. You are getting treatment because you had sex with someone who has gonorrhea, and you may have been infected.



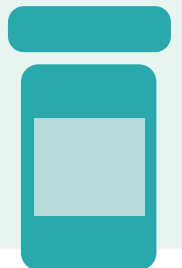
## Is it important to see a doctor?

Yes. It is strongly recommended that you visit your healthcare provider and get tested for STDs (including HIV). You can have more than one STD at one time.



## What is this medicine?

The medicine you are getting is an antibiotic called cefixime. This medicine will only cure gonorrhea. It will not cure other STDs.



## DO NOT TAKE this medicine if:

- You are having lower belly pain, cramps, pain during sex, vomiting/throwing up, pain in the testicles (balls), or fever.
- 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.

**If any of the above are true, please see a health care provider as soon as possible for alternative treatment.**

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## How should I take the medicine?

- Take all the pills as instructed, by mouth. Do not share the medicine. You need all of it for it to work.
- Taking this medication with food usually helps people feel less sick.
- If you throw up in the hour after taking the medicine, you will need to get more medicine, because the medicine did not have time to work.

## What should I do after taking the medicine?

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



## What if I decide not to take the medicine?

If you decide not to take the medicine, you should visit a health care provider to get STD testing as soon as possible. Gonorrhea that is not treated can lead to serious health problems.

## What if I have questions?

Please contact your healthcare provider if you have any questions regarding this medication, or STDs in general.



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