

Composition : Cephradine 250mg & 500mg Capsule, 125mg/5ml, 250mg/5ml Suspension & 1.25mg/ml Paediatric Drops.

Indications : In the treatment of infections of the urinary, respiratory and gastro-intestinal tracts and of the skin and soft tissues. These include :

Upper respiratory tract infections : pharyngitis, sinusitis, otitis media, tonsillitis, laryngo-tracheo bronchitis.

Lower respiratory tract infections : acute and chronic bronchitis, lobar and bronchopneumonia.

Urinary tract infections : cystitis, urethritis, pyelonephritis.

Skin and soft tissue infections : abscess, cellulitis, furunculosis, impetigo.
Gastro-intestinal tract : bacillary dysentery, enteritis, peritonitis.

Dosage : Oral : Adults : For urinary tract infections the usual dose is 500mg four times daily or 1g twice daily, severe or chronic infections may require larger doses.

For respiratory tract infections and skin and soft tissue infections the usual dose is 250mg or 500mg four times daily or 500mg or 1g twice daily depending on the severity and site of infections.

For gastro-intestinal tract infections, 500mg three or four times daily may be employed.

Children : The usual dose is from 25 to 50mg/kg/day total, given in two or four equally divided doses or as directed by the registered physician. For otitis media daily doses from 75-100 mg/kg/every 6 to 12 hours are recommended to a maximum daily dose of 4g or advised by the registered physician.

Dicef

Capsule, Suspension
& Paediatric Drop

Contraindication : Patients with known hypersensitivity to the cephalosporin antibiotics.

Precautions : Cephradine should be used with caution in patients with known hypersensitivity to penicillins. After treatment with Dicef, a false positive reaction for glucose in the urine may occur with Benedict's or Fehling's solution or with reagent tablets such as "Clinitest", but not with enzyme-based tests such as "Clinistix" or "Diastix".

As with all antibiotics, prolonged use may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms.

Use in pregnancy and lactation : Cephradine has been assigned to pregnancy category B by the FDA.

Side effects : Adverse reaction reports are rare, but include glossitis, heartburn, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, candidal overgrowth, vaginitis. Skin and hypersensitivity reactions include urticaria, skin rashes, joint pains, oedema.

Packing :

Dicef 500 Capsule : 6 x 5's capsules.

Dicef 250 Capsule : 5 x 10's capsules .

Dicef Suspension : 100 ml. Suspension.

Dicef Forte Suspension : 100ml Suspension.

Dicef Paediatric Drops : 15ml drops with a plastic dropper.