Cefotaxime is an antibiotic used to treat a number of bacterial infections. Specifically it is used to treat joint infections, pelvic inflammatory disease, meningitis, pneumonia, urinary tract infections, sepsis, gonorrhea, and cellulitis. It is given either by injection into a vein or muscle.

Common side effects include nausea, allergic reactions, and inflammation at the site of injection. Other side effects may include inflammation at the site of injection and Clostridium difficile diarrhea. It is not recommended in people who have had previous anaphylaxis to a penicillin. It is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines, the most important medications needed in a basic health system. It is available as a generic medication. In the United States a course of treatment costs 100 to 200 USD.

Other names

Cephotaxime; Tolycar