

Ceftriaxone

This antibiotic is injected into the hip muscle, and is the preferred treatment for gonorrhoea, 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
- 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.