# **Cefzlan Drop**

## Cefixime (25 mg) Drops

## Composition

## Each ml of reconstituted drops contains:

 Cefixime (as Cefixime Trihydrate): 25 mg

## Description

Cefixime Drops are a third-generation cephalosporin antibiotic designed for pediatric use. It is effective against a broad spectrum of bacterial infections and works by inhibiting bacterial cell wall synthesis, leading to bacterial cell death.

## Indications

Cefixime Drops are indicated for the treatment of:

- Upper respiratory tract infections: Pharyngitis, tonsillitis, and sinusitis
- Lower respiratory tract infections: Bronchitis and pneumonia
- Urinary tract infections: Cystitis and pyelonephritis
- Otitis media (middle ear infections)
- Gastrointestinal infections: Typhoid fever and acute diarrhea caused by bacterial infections

**Dosage and Administration** 

- Infants and Children (<12 years):
  - The typical dose is 8 mg/kg/day, administered as a single daily dose or in two divided doses every 12 hours.

### **Example Dosage:**

- Weight-based Calculation: For a child weighing 5 kg, the dose is 40 mg/day (2 doses of 20 mg each or 8 drops per dose).
- Administration:
  - Shake the bottle well to loosen the powder. Reconstitute by adding boiled and cooled water up to the mark on the bottle, then shake well to form a uniform suspension.
  - Use the calibrated dropper provided to measure the prescribed dose accurately.
- Duration:
  - The duration of treatment depends on the type and severity of the infection, typically 5–10 days.

Note: Always follow the pediatrician's prescribed dosage and duration.

**Preparation of the Drops** 

- 1. Loosen the powder by shaking the bottle.
- 2. Add cooled boiled water in small portions and shake well after each addition until fully dissolved.
- 3. Adjust the volume to the mark on the bottle.

### **Mechanism of Action**

Cefixime binds to penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) in the bacterial cell wall, inhibiting the final stage of peptidoglycan synthesis, leading to bacterial cell wall instability and cell death.

#### Warnings and Precautions

- Allergic Reactions: Discontinue if signs of hypersensitivity occur, such as rash, itching, or swelling.
- Renal Impairment: Use with caution in infants and children with kidney dysfunction; dose adjustment may be necessary.
- Superinfection: Prolonged use may lead to the overgrowth of resistant organisms.
- Clostridium difficile-associated Diarrhea (CDAD): Monitor for severe or persistent diarrhea during or after treatment.

#### **Side Effects**

**Common side effects include:** 

- Gastrointestinal: Diarrhea, nausea, abdominal discomfort
- Allergic reactions: Rash, urticaria, or itching
- Others: Drowsiness, headache, and mild liver enzyme elevation

- Anticoagulants: May increase the risk of bleeding when used with drugs like warfarin.
- Probenecid: Increases cefixime levels by reducing renal excretion.
- Live bacterial vaccines: May reduce the efficacy of vaccines such as the typhoid vaccine.

#### Storage

- Store the dry powder at room temperature (below 25°C) before reconstitution.
- Once reconstituted, store in a refrigerator (2–8°C) and use within 7 days.
- Keep out of reach of children.

Note: Administer this medication only under the guidance of a pediatrician. Complete the entire prescribed course to ensure effectiveness and prevent antibiotic resistance. If severe side effects or an allergic reaction occurs, consult a doctor immediately.

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