

Cedax (ceftibuten) basics

Treats bacterial infections. Cedax (ceftibuten) is good for treating many bacterial infections, but be sure to finish the full course of treatment.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Cedax (ceftibuten) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects					
Nausea 4% chance					
Headache 3% chance					
Diarrhea 4% chance					
Upset stomach 2% chance					
Dizziness†					
Abdominal pain 2% chance					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Finish all of the medicine your doctor gives you, even if you start to feel better. Stopping early can cause the bacteria to develop resistance, and the medicine might not work the next time you need it.
- Take the pill with or without food. Take with food if it causes an upset stomach.
- If using the liquid suspension, make sure to shake well before measuring the dose. Take it on an empty stomach.
- Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you develop a rash, trouble breathing, or swelling in your face and mouth.
- Diarrhea is a common side effect that should go away when you stop the medication. Tell your doctor if it doesn't stop, or if you develop watery or bloody stools.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Kidney problems

Cedax (ceftibuten)'s dose will need to be lowered in those with lower kidney function. If you have a history of kidney problems, talk to your doctor to see if a different medicine might be better for you.

Allergic reaction

If you've had an allergic reaction from taking penicillins, let your doctor know before taking this. Cedax (ceftibuten) might not be right for you and your doctor can prescribe another antibiotic.

New infection

Taking antibiotics, like Cedax (ceftibuten), can increase your chances of getting a new bacterial or fungal infection. If you start to feel sick again or get a new fever while taking this medicine, talk to your doctor right away.