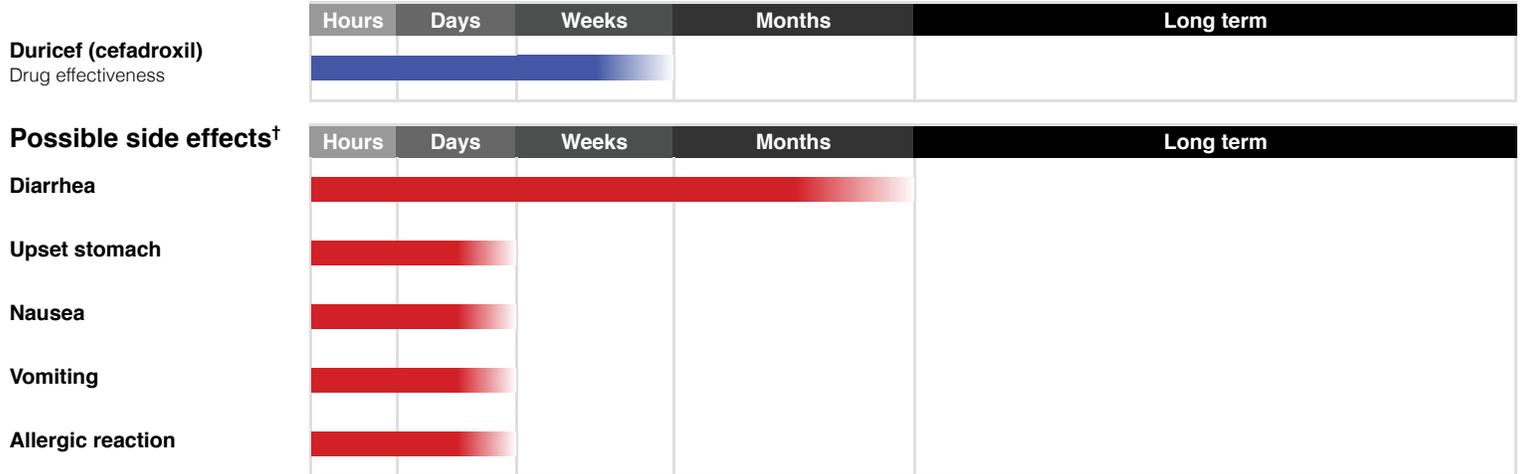


# Duricef (cefadroxil) basics

**Treats bacterial infections.** Duricef (cefadroxil) is good for treating many bacterial infections and is available as a generic. However, if you're taking blood thinners, you could be more likely to bleed.

## What to expect when starting

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



† 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 (when the bacteria survives and continues to do harm).
- Take with or without food.
- If using the liquid suspension, shake well before measuring the dose.
- Store the suspension in the fridge and throw away any part not used after 2 weeks. Store the pills at room temperature in a dry place.
- Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you get a rash, itchy skin, 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.

### Penicillin allergy

If you've had an allergic reaction from taking penicillin-type antibiotics, such as trouble breathing, or swelling in your face and neck, let your doctor know before taking this. Duricef (cefadroxil) may not be right for you and your doctor can prescribe another antibiotic.

### New infection

Taking antibiotics, like Duricef (cefadroxil), can kill healthy bacteria in your gut. This can raise your chance of getting certain fungal or bacterial infections. Tell your doctor right away if you start to feel sick again, have fevers, chills, or diarrhea. These could be signs of a new infection.

### Kidney problems

Duricef (cefadroxil) gets removed from the body through your kidneys. If your kidneys are not working well it's hard to completely remove Duricef (cefadroxil) from your body. This could cause more problems to your kidneys. If you have a history of kidney problems, talk to your doctor to see if this drug may be right for you.