Spectracef (cefditoren) basics

Treats bacterial infections. Spectracef (cefditoren) is good for treating many bacterial infections and it works best if you take the full course without stopping.

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
Spectracef (cefditoren) Drug effectiveness		████	████		

Possible side effects	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Diarrhea 11% chance	████	████	████	████	
Nausea 4% chance	████	████			
Headache 3% chance	████	████			
Abdominal pain 2% chance	████	████			
Vaginal fungal infection 3% chance		████			
Upset stomach†	████	████			

† 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 food.
- 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.

Risk of bleeding

Spectracef (cefditoren) may increase your risk of bleeding. There's a higher risk for people who take blood thinners, have poor nutrition, have liver or kidney problems, or will be on Spectracef (cefditoren) for long periods of time. You may need to get blood tests, so talk to your doctor.

Penicillin allergy

If you have had an allergic reaction from taking penicillin-type antibiotics, with symptoms like trouble breathing or swelling in your face and neck, let your doctor know before taking this. Spectracef (cefditoren) may not be right for you and your doctor can prescribe another antibiotic.

New infection

Taking antibiotics, like Spectracef (cefditoren), can kill healthy bacteria in your gut. This can increase the 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.