

UPHALEXIN CAPSULE

Cephalexin Monohydrate equivalent to Cephalexin (250mg & 500mg)

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What Uphalexin Capsule is used for
Uphalexin Capsule is an antibiotic which is indicated in the treatment of the following infections due to susceptible microorganisms:

- Respiratory tract infections
- Otitis media (ear infection)
- Bone infections
- Genitourinary (urinary) tract infections, including acute prostatitis
- Dental infections

How Uphalexin Capsule works

Cephalexin is an antibiotic that belongs to the group of medicines called cephalosporin. These medicines work by killing or stopping the growth of the bacteria, which cause infections.

Before you use Uphalexin Capsule

-When you must not use it

Do not take Uphalexin Capsule if:

- You are allergic or hypersensitive to cephalosporin.
- It is not prescribed by a qualified doctor or pharmacist for you.
- You are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

-Before you start use it

Tell your doctor if:

- You are allergic to any medicines, food and dyes.
- You are taking any other medicines (including those not prescribed by your doctor).

- You are allergic or hypersensitive to Penicillin.
- You are having renal impairment.
- You are pregnant and nursing mother.

-Taking other medicines

You should tell your doctor if you are taking the following medicine as it may interact with your Uphalexin Capsule:

- Oestrogen containing oral contraceptives (birth control pill).
- Probenecid (medicines used to treat chronic gout and gouty arthritis).
- Nephrotoxic drug such as aminoglycoside antibiotic-gentamicin (antibiotics that are used to treat certain bacterial infections).
- Loop-diuretic-frusemide (decreasing the reabsorption of sodium by the kidneys).

It may still be all right for you to take Uphalexin Capsule and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

How to use Uphalexin Capsule

- How much to use

Adult: The adult dosage ranges from 1 – 4g daily in equally divided doses.

The usual adult dose: Oral, 500mg every 8 hours.

For the following infections, a dosage of 250mg every 6 hours or 500mg every 12 hours may be administered: sore throat, skin and skin structure infections and uncomplicated cystitis (urinary tract infection).

For more severe infections or those caused by less susceptible organisms, larger doses may be needed.

Children: The usual recommended daily dose is 25 – 50mg/kg in divided doses.

For sore throat in children, mild, urinary tract infections, and for skin and skin structure infections, the total daily doses may be divided and administered every 12 hours. In the therapy of otitis media, clinical studies have shown that a dosage of 75 – 100mg/kg/day in 4 divided doses is required. In the treatment of B-hemolytic streptococcal infections

(Bacterial infection that causes complete destruction of red blood cells (hemolysis)), a therapeutic dose should be administered for at least 10 days

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instruction on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

-When to use it

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to use Uphalexin Capsule according to the type of condition you have.

-How long to use it

Continue taking Uphalexin Capsule for as long as your doctor recommends.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

In the event of overdose, general supporting care is recommended, including close clinical and laboratory monitoring until patient is stable.

It is advisable for you to contact and inform your doctor if you did take Uphalexin Capsule too much.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

- Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.
- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Uphalexin Capsule.
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

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-Things you must not do

- Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.
- Do not give Uphalexin Capsule to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

-Things to be careful of

- Avoid prolonged use with high dosage.
- Pregnancy and nursing baby.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Uphalexin Capsule can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/ pharmacist for further information. The following side effects have been reported:

- Gastro-intestinal disturbances.
- Hypersensitivity including skin rashes, urticaria, eosinophilia (increase of the white blood cell count), fever, reaction resembling serum sickness and anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction that needs to be treated right away).

Uphalexin Capsule may cause severe allergy and serious skin reactions. Stop using Uphalexin Capsule and seek medical assistance immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms.

- skin reddening, blisters, rash, fever, sore throat or eye irritation.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and disposal of Uphalexin Capsule

-Storage

Keep Uphalexin Capsule out of reach of children.

Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed and protect from light.

-Disposal

Do not use Uphalexin Capsule after the expiry date which is stated on the carton.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

-What it looks like

Uphalexin Capsule 250mg is pink/ruby red hard gelatin capsule in size 2.

Uphalexin Capsule 500mg is pink/purple hard gelatin capsule in size 0.

-Ingredients

Active Ingredient:

Cephalexin Monohydrate.

Inactive Ingredients:

Lactose, Talcum Powder, Sodium Lauryl Sulphate, Magnesium Stearate.

-MAL Number

Uphalexin Capsule 250mg

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Uphalexin Capsule 500mg

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Manufacturer and Product Registration Holder

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