

# Ultrapime®

Cefepime

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## Presentation

Ultrapime® 500 IM/IV Injection: Each vial contains Cefepime for injection USP equivalent to Cefepime 500 mg.

Ultrapime® 1 gm IM/IV Injection: Each vial contains Cefepime for injection USP equivalent to Cefepime 1 gm.

Ultrapime® 2 gm IM/IV Injection: Each vial contains Cefepime for injection USP equivalent to Cefepime 2 gm.

## Description

Ultrapime Injection is a preparation of Cefepime. It is a fourth generation broad-spectrum cephalosporin antibiotic. Cefepime acts by inhibition of bacterial cell wall synthesis. It is highly resistant to hydrolysis by most beta-lactamases and exhibits rapid penetration into gram-negative bacterial cells.

Cefepime has been shown to be active against most strains of the following microorganisms:

Gram-Positive Microorganisms:

*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, Viridans group streptococci, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*, *Staphylococcus hominis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*.

Gram-Negative Microorganisms:

*Enterobacter*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*, *Citrobacter diversus*, *Citrobacter freundii*, *Enterobacter* spp., *Haemophilus influenzae* (including beta-lactamase producing strains), *Haemophilus parainfluenzae*, *Hafnia alvei*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Moraxella catarrhalis* (including beta-lactamase producing strains), *Morganella morganii*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Providencia rettgeri*, *Providencia stuartii*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Neisseria meningitidis*.

Anaerobes:

*Clostridium perfringens*, *Mobiluncus* spp.

## Indications and Uses

Ultrapime Injection is indicated in the treatment of the following infections:

- Pneumonia (moderate to severe)
- Uncomplicated and Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (including pyelonephritis)
- Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections
- Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections
- Empiric Therapy for Febrile Neutropenic Patients

## Dosage and Administration

### Recommended dosage schedule for adults with normal renal function

Type of Infection	Dose	Frequency	Duration (Days)
Moderate to severe Pneumonia	1-2 g IV	q12h	10
Empiric Therapy for Febrile Neutropenic Patients	2 g IV	q8h	7
Mild to moderate Uncomplicated or Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (including pyelonephritis)	0.5-1 g IV/IM	q12h	7-10
Severe Uncomplicated or Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (including pyelonephritis)	2 g IV	q12h	10
Moderate to severe Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections	2 g IV	q12h	10
Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections	2 g IV	q12h	7-10

### Pediatric Patients (2 months up to 16 years)

The maximum dose for pediatric patients should not exceed the recommended adult dose.

Type of Infection	Pediatric patients up to 40 kg in weight		
	Dose	Frequency	Duration (Days)
Uncomplicated and Complicated Urinary Tract Infections (including pyelonephritis)	50 mg/kg	q12h	7-10
Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections	50 mg/kg	q12h	10
Pneumonia	50 mg/kg	q12h	10
Febrile Neutropenic Patients	50 mg/kg	q8h	7

**Impaired Hepatic Function** - No adjustment is necessary for patients with impaired hepatic function.

**Impaired Renal Function** - In patients with impaired renal function (creatinine clearance  $\leq 60$  ml/min), the dose of Cefepime should be adjusted. The recommended initial dose of Cefepime should be the same as in patients with normal renal function except in patients undergoing hemodialysis. The recommended doses of Cefepime in patients with renal insufficiency are presented in the following table:

Creatinine Clearance (ml/min)	Recommended Maintenance Schedule			
	500 mg q12h	1g q12h	2g q12h	2g q8h
>60 Normal recommended dosing schedule				
30-60	500 mg q24h	1g q24h	2g q24h	2g q12h
11-29	500 mg q24h	500 mg q24h	1g q24h	2g q24h
<11	250 mg q24h	250 mg q24h	500 mg q24h	1g q24h
CAPD	500 mg q48h	1g q48h	2g q48h	2g q48h
Hemodialysis	1g on day 1, then 500 mg q24h thereafter			1g q24h

### Preparation of Solutions of Ultrapime Injection

Single-dose vial	Administration	Amount of diluent to be added
500 mg	IM	1.3 ml
500 mg	IV	5 ml
1 gm	IM	2.4 ml
1 gm	IV	10 ml
2 gm	IV	10 ml

These solutions may be stored up to 24 hours at room temperature or 7 days in a refrigerator.

Ultrapime Injection is compatible at concentrations between 1 and 40 mg/ml with the following IV infusion fluids: (1) 0.9% Sodium chloride, (2) 5% and 10% Dextrose.

## Contraindications

Cefepime Injection is contraindicated in patients who have shown hypersensitivity reactions to the cephalosporin class of antibiotics, penicillins or other beta-lactam antibiotics & any component of the formulation.

## Precautions

In patients with impaired renal function (creatinine clearance  $<60$  ml/min), the dose of Cefepime should be adjusted. Cefepime should be prescribed with caution in individuals with a history of gastrointestinal diseases, particularly colitis.

## Side-effects

Generally Cefepime is well tolerated. However, few side-effects including rash, pruritus, urticaria, fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, oral moniliasis may occur.

## Usage in Pregnancy & Lactation

**Pregnancy:** US-FDA pregnancy category-B.

**Lactation:** Cefepime is excreted in human breast milk in very low concentrations. Caution should be exercised when Cefepime is administered to a nursing woman.

## Drug Interactions

Renal function should be monitored carefully if high doses of aminoglycosides are to be administered with Cefepime because of the increased potential of nephrotoxicity and ototoxicity of aminoglycoside antibiotics. Nephrotoxicity has been reported following concomitant administration of other cephalosporins with potent diuretics such as furosemide.

## Overdosage

Patients who receive an overdose should be carefully observed and given supportive treatment.

Symptoms of overdose include encephalopathy (disturbance of consciousness including confusion, hallucinations, stupor and coma), myoclonus, seizures and neuromuscular excitability.

## Storage

Do not store above 30 °C. Keep away from light and out of the reach of children.

## Commercial Pack

Ultrapime® 500 IM/IV Injection: Each box contains one vial of Cefepime 500 mg as Cefepime for injection USP, one ampoule of 5 ml of Water for Injection & one 5 ml sterile disposable syringe.

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Ultrapime® 2 gm IM/IV Injection: Each box contains one vial of Cefepime 2 gm as Cefepime for injection USP, one ampoule of 10 ml of Water for Injection, one 10 ml sterile disposable syringe, one butterfly needle, one alcohol pad and one first aid band.

