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## Information about Ceftazidime

### **What is Ceftazidime?**

Ceftazidime belongs to a group of antibiotics called the cephalosporins. They kill bacteria by interfering with the ability of the bacteria to form cell walls. The bacteria therefore break up and die.

Ceftazidime is used to treat infections caused by the bacterium called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

### **What are the possible side effects of ceftazidime?**

If you experience any of the following serious side effects, stop taking ceftazidime and seek emergency medical attention:

- Unusual bleeding or bruising
- Difficulty breathing
- Itching rash
- Hives
- Sore mouth or throat

Other, less serious side effects may be more likely to occur. Continue to take ceftazidime and talk to the CF/Bronchiectasis team if you experience:

- Diarrhoea
- Stomach pain
- Upset stomach
- Vomiting

Side effects other than those listed above may also occur. Talk to a member of the CF/Bronchiectasis team about any side effect that seems unusual or that is especially bothersome.