

CIPRO®
CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL solution for infusion (IV)
Ciprofloxacin

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist or nurse.

This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

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1. **WHAT IS CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) AND IN WHAT CASE IS IT USED ?**

pharmacotherapeutic Class : Fluoroquinolone - ATC code : J01MA02

CIPRO contains an active substance called ciprofloxacin.

Ciprofloxacin is a medicine that belongs to fluoroquinolones. It works by killing the infectious bacteria. It is only active on some specific strains of bacteria.

CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV), is indicated in the treatment of the following infections. Special attention should be paid to available information on bacterial resistance to ciprofloxacin before starting treatment.

Official recommendations concerning the appropriate use of antibacterials should be taken into account.

In adults

• Lower respiratory tract infections due to Gram-negative bacteria

• exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

• Acute bacterial infection in case of cystic fibrosis or bronchiectasis

• purulent media chorio-otitis

• Acute exacerbations of chronic sinusitis, particularly due to Gram-negative bacteria

• Pulmonary Infections

• orchit-spermidynia, including infections due to susceptible strains of Neisseria gonorrhoeae

• high gynaecological infections, including infections caused by susceptible Neisseria gonorrhoeae strains

• Gastrointestinal infections (eg traveler's diarrhea)

• nosocomial infections

• Skin and soft tissue infections caused by Gram-negative bacteria

• External malignant otitis

• bone and joint infections

• Anti-infective post-exposure prophylaxis and curative treatment

Ciprofloxacin can be used for the treatment of febrile neutropenic patients whose bacterial origin is suspected.

In children and adolescent

• Broncho-pulmonary infections in cystic fibrosis caused by Pseudomonas aeruginosa

• Complicated urinary infections and pyelonephritis

• Acute exacerbations of chronic hepatitis and curative treatment

Ciprofloxacin can also be used to treat severe infections in children and adolescents, if necessary.

Treatment should only be initiated by experienced physicians in the treatment of cystic fibrosis and / or severe infections of the child and adolescent.

2. **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) ?**

Never take CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) :

• If you are allergic to one active substance, other medicines or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

• If you are taking tizanidine (see section 2). Other medicines and CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV).

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor before you receive CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) :

• if you have already had an allergic reaction to it, you may need to adjust your treatment ;

• if you have had an allergic reaction or other neurological conditions ;

• if you have already had tendon problems with antibiotics from the same family as CIPRO ;

• if you have diabetes because you may be at risk of hypoglycemia with ciprofloxacin ;

• if you suffer from myasthenia (a rare disease that causes muscle weakness) because symptoms may be exacerbated ;

• if you have heart problems. Ciprofloxacin may cause you to feel weak or have a strong heartburn

• if you have had an ECG tracing showing an imbalance in the blood levels of potassium or magnesium in the blood, if you have a very slow heart rate (called "bradycardia"), if you have a weakened heart (heart failure), if you already have had a heart attack

(myocardial infarction), if you are a woman or a senior, or if you are taking other medications that may cause some ECG abnormalities (see section 2). Other medicines and CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV);

• if you or any member of your family has a glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency (G6PD); because you could then risk presenting anaemia with ciprofloxacin.

For the treatment of some infections of the genital tract, your doctor may prescribe another antibiotic in combination with CIPRO. If no improvement in symptoms is observed after 3 days of treatment, consult your doctor.

During treatment with CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV)

• if you are taking other antibiotics or other neurological disorders occur during treatment with CIPRO. Your doctor will determine if the treatment with CIPRO should be stopped;

• **sudden and severe allergic reaction (anaphylactic reaction, choc, Angioedema).** From the first dose, there is a low risk of developing a severe allergic reaction, manifested by the following symptoms : tightness in the chest, dizziness, feeling of malaise or weakness, or difficulty breathing. If these symptoms occur, contact your doctor immediately as they could be life threatening and must be discontinued;

• if you suffer from epilepsy or other neurological disease such as cerebral ischaemia or stroke, neurological side effects (seizures) could occur. If seizures occur, treatment with CIPRO should be stopped;

• if you have symptoms suggestive of neuropathy, such as pain, burning, tingling, numbness, and / or muscle weakness. If such symptoms occur, treatment with CIPRO should be discontinued;

• Psychiatric reactions can occur from the first administration of CIPRO. If you suffer from depression or psychosis, your doctor will advise you to stop taking with CIPRO. In some cases, psychiatric reactions can progress to suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts, or suicide. If such reactions occur, contact your doctor immediately.

• Cases of **hypoglycemia** have been reported, most often in diabetic patients, mainly in the elderly population. If this side effect occurs, contact your doctor immediately.

• Diarrhoea can occur with CIPRO. If you suffer from diarrhoea, you should see your doctor immediately.

• If you have kidney problems, tell your doctor because the dose of CIPRO should eventually be adapted.

• CIPRO can cause liver problems. If you notice any symptoms such as loss of appetite, jaundice (yellowing of the skin), dark urine, itching or tenderness to palpation over the stomach, contact your doctor immediately.

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• CIPRO may cause a decrease of the white blood cells count in your blood and reduce your resistance to infections (agranulocytosis). It is important to tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine.

Other medicines and CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV)

• Tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking, including over-the-counter medicines.

• Do not take CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) with any other medicine.

• Do not use CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) as tizanidine may cause side effects such as low blood pressure and drowsiness (see section 2). Never take CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV).

The following medicines are known to interact with CIPRO. Taking CIPRO at the same time as these medications could impact on the therapeutic effects of these products, and increase the probability of occurrence of side effects.

Tell your doctor what you are taking :

• anticoagulants K (eg warfarin, acenocumarol, phenprocoumon or fluindione) or other oral anticoagulants (to thin the blood)

• Probenecid (to treat gout)

• Metformate (to treat some types of cancer, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis)

• theophylline (to treat respiratory problems)

• diazepam (an anti-anxiety medicine)

• clozapine (to treat some psychiatric diseases)

• ropinirole (to treat Parkinson's disease)

• phenytoin (to treat epilepsy)

• cyclosporine (to treat skin diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, and organ transplants)

• other medicines which may affect your heart rate - medicines belonging to the group of antiarrhythmic medication (e.g. quinidine, hydroquinidine, disopyramide, amiodarone, sotalol, dofetilide, ibutilide), tricyclic antidepressants, certain antibiotics (which belong to the macrolides family), some antipsychotics

• zopiclone (to treat sleep disorders).

CIPRO may increase the concentration of the following medicines in your blood :

• propranolol (to treat blood circulation disorders)

• afebril (to treat fever)

• duloxetine (to treat depression, nerve damage related to diabetes or urinary incontinence)

• lidocaine (to treat heart disease or anaesthetic use)

• sildenaïne (for example, in erectile dysfunction)

• metoclopramide (to treat nausea and vomiting)

• CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) with food and drink

Food and drink have no effect on your CIPRO treatment.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, if you think you are pregnant or planning pregnancy, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

It is recommended to avoid taking CIPRO during pregnancy.

Do not use CIPRO while breast-feeding as ciprofloxacin passes into breast milk and could affect your child's health.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines

CIPRO can cause you to feel tired. Neurological side effects may occur. Therefore, make sure you know how to control CIPRO before driving or using machines. If in doubt, talk to your doctor.

CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) contains sodium

This content should be taken into account in patients for whom control of sodium intake is required.

3. HOW TO TAKE CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) ?

Your doctor will explain exactly how much CIPRO will be given, how often and for how long. This will depend on the type of infection and its severity.

Tell your doctor if you have kidney problems because the dose of medicine to take may need to be adapted.

Dosage

The treatment usually lasts from 5 to 21 days but can be longer in case of severe infection.

The health professional will inject each dose into your blood stream as a slow infusion into one of your veins.

In children, it is 30 mg/kg per day administration of the 200 mg solution of CIPRO. Administering the infusion slowly helps prevent the occurrence of immediate side effects.

Remember to drink plenty of fluids while taking this medicine.

If you have taken more CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) than you should :

Not applicable.

If you forgot to take CIPRO 200 mg/100 mL, solution for infusion (IV) :

- It is important that you follow the treatment until the end even if you start to feel better after a few days. If you stop taking this medicine too soon, your infection may not be completely cured and the symptoms of the infection may reappear or worsen. You may also develop bacterial resistance to this antibiotic.

If you have any further questions about the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The most serious side effects that you can recognize yourself are listed in the section below.

CIPRO should be stopped and you should contact your doctor immediately to consider another antibiotic treatment, if you notice any of the serious side effects listed below :

Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

• seizures (convulsions), fits, fits of convulsions, fits of fits

Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1 000 people)

• Severe and sudden allergic reaction manifested by symptoms such as tightness in the chest, dizziness, feeling of malaise or weakness, or dizziness when standing (anaphylactic shock) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• rupture of the tendons (particularly of the large tendon located at the back of the ankle (Achilles tendon) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions))

Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 000 people)

• severe and sudden allergic reaction manifested by symptoms such as tightness in the chest, dizziness, feeling of malaise or weakness, or dizziness when standing (anaphylactic shock) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• muscle weakness, inflammation of the tendons that can lead to tendon rupture, particularly of the large tendon located at the ankle (Achilles tendon) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• severe and rapid swelling of the face, eyes, nose and mouth, usually in the form of blisters or ulcerations in the mouth, throat, nose, eye and other mucous membranes such as the skin, and may develop into blisters or detachment of the skin all over the body (Steven's Johnson syndrome)

Not known frequency (frequency can not be estimated based on the available data)

• unusual sensations of pain, burning, tingling, numbness or muscle weakness in the extremities (neuropathy) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• heartburn or colic, fever, inflammation of internal organs, haematological abnormalities and systemic disease (drug hypersensitivity syndrome with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms syndrome called DRESS [Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms], PEAG : Generalized Acute Exanthematic Pustulosis)

Other side effects that have been observed during treatment with Cipro are listed below by frequency of occurrence :

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

• nausea, diarrhea, vomiting

• pain in the joints of the joints in children

• local reaction at the injection site, rash

• temporary elevation of certain liver enzymes present in the blood (transaminases).

Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

• joint pain in adults

• fungal infections (due to fungi)

• high rate of one type of white blood cell (eosinophils), increase or decrease in the amount of blood clotting factors (platelets)

• decreased appetite

• hyperactivity, agitation, confusion, disorientation, hallucinations

• headaches, dizziness, sleep disorders, taste disorders, tingling sensation, unusual sensitivity to sensory stimuli, vertigo

• impaired vision, including dual vision

• loss of hearing

• heartbeats acceleration (tachycardia)

• dilation of blood vessels (vasodilation), lowering of blood pressure

• abdominal pain, digestive problems such as stomach problems (indigestion / heartburn) or flatulence

• headache disorders, increased amount of a substance in the blood (bilirubin)

• increased heart rate, diuresis

• fainting, inflammation of the lining of blood vessels (vasculitis)

• inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis)

• hepatitis, inflammation of liver cells (liver necrosis) very rarely leading to liver failure putting your life at risk (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• change in the number of certain white blood cells (neutrophils) in the blood, white blood cells and platelets (leucopenia) which can be fatal, depletion of the bone marrow in blood cells (medullary aplasia) can also be fatal

• allergic reaction, allergic swelling (edema) or rapid swelling of the skin and mucous membranes (angioedema) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• decreased sugar level (hypoglycemia) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• anxiety reactions, stress, depression, depression which may lead to suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts or suicide) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• psychiatric disorders (psychotic reactions that may lead to suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts or suicide) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• decreased sensitivity of the skin, tremors, migraine, disorders of smell (olfactory disorders)

• heartburn, diarrhea, dyspepsia

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• sensitivity to light (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• sensitivity of blood or crystals in the urine, inflammation of the urinary tract

• excessive sweating

• increase in the concentration in the blood of an enzyme derived from the pancreas (amylase).

Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 000 people)

• particular type of decline in the number of red blood cells in the blood (hemolytic anemia), very low number of certain white blood cells (agranulocytosis) (see section 2 : Warnings and precautions)

• certain diseases of the heart (cardiac arrhythmias of heart beat)

• change in blood clotting (in patients treated with vitamin K antagonists)

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