Patient Delivered Partner Therapy for Gonorrhea (Cefixime 800 mg)

PLEASE READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY

Why do I need to take this medicine?

Your sex partner has recently been treated for Gonorrhea. Gonorrhea is a curable infection you can get from having sex with a person who already has it. Many people with Gonorrhea do not know they have it because they feel okay and do not have any symptoms. However, if you do not take medicine to cure it, you can get very sick.

You could have Gonorrhea. It is important that you get treated. We want to be sure that you get the medicine you need as soon as possible. *The best treatment for Gonorrhea includes an antibiotic injection. You can only receive the injection at City Clinic or a doctor's office.* If you are not able to go to City Clinic or your doctor within 1 week, you should take the medicine enclosed.

Is the medicine safe?

The medicine is very safe. <u>However, you should talk to your doctor or come to City Clinic if</u> you have any of the problems listed below. **DO NOT take the medicine if:**

- You are female and having lower belly pain, pain with sex, vomiting or fever
- You are male and having pain or swelling in the testicle (balls) or fever
- You ever had a bad reaction, rash or allergy to Cefixime (Suprax), Cefpodoxime (Vantin) or any cephalosporin (any antibiotic that starts with cef- or ceph-) or a life-threatening reaction to Penicillin
- You have a serious long-term illness such as kidney, heart or liver disease

How do I take the medicine?

- You will receive 2 white 400 mg Cefixime pills
- Take the Cefixime pills right away with water
- This medicine may cause an upset stomach, diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting. This should not last long. If these symptoms persist or you develop a rash or fever, contact your doctor or City Clinic.
- Avoid prolonged contact with direct sunlight while taking this medicine.
- Do not share or give this medicine to anyone else.
- Do not have sex for 7 days after you take the Cefixime because it takes 7 days for the medicine to cure Gonorrhea. If you have unprotected sex during the 7 days after taking the medicine, you could still pass the infection to your sex partners.
- We recommend re-testing in 3 months to make sure that you have not been re-infected.

What can I do if I still have questions?

If you have any questions about the medicine, please call (415) 487-5595 during clinic hours. All calls are confidential. You can also come into City Clinic for a visit including exam, testing and medicine. For more information and directions, visit our website.

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