



Nafcillin Patient Education Sheet

Pronunciation (naf SIL in)

What is this drug used for?

- It is an antibiotic that works by fighting bacteria in the body
- It is used to treat serious bacterial infections
- Do NOT take this antibiotic if you have a penicillin allergy

How is this medication administered?

- Nafcillin is administered intravenously over 30 minutes or as a continuous infusion over 24 hours

What are the possible side effects I may experience?

- Many people have no side effects or only have very mild side effects
- Most common side effects include:
 - Nausea/Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Call your doctor at once if you have a serious side effect such as:
 - signs of an allergic reaction such as hives, difficulty breathing, swelling of your face, lips, throat or tongue
 - sign of kidney problems: unable to pass urine, change in how much urine is passed, blood in the urine or a big weight gain
 - signs of liver problems: dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, stomach pain, light-colored stools, vomiting, yellow skin or eyes
 - Bruising/bleeding
 - Dizziness/passing out
 - Fever/chills
 - Sore throat
 - Feeling very tired or weak
 - Twitching
 - Seizures
 - Burning, numbness or tingling feeling that is not normal
 - It is common to have diarrhea while taking Nafcillin. Rarely, a very bad form of diarrhea called C. Diff may occur. Call your doctor right away if you have stomach pain or cramps, very loose or watery stools or bloody stools. Do not try to treat loose stools without first checking with your doctor.

What are some things that I need to know or do while taking nafcillin?

- Have blood checked weekly as ordered
- Infuse your doses at the same time each day
- Do not take if you have a penicillin allergy

How should I store this medication?

- Refrigerate
- Do not freeze



- IV solution is a clear colorless solution

*** This information is not specific medical advice and does not replace information you receive from the healthcare provider. You must talk with the healthcare provider for complete information about the risks and benefits of using this medication***