

Bon Secours Richmond
Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
Cefuroxime
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The MEC has approved the following:

Automatic substitution of ceftriaxone (Rocephin) for cefuroxime (Zinacef) as cefuroxime is: used infrequently, not as active as ceftriaxone for pulmonary pathogens, requires more nursing time to administer, and cost more per day of therapy when nursing time is included.

Rocephin is not to be substituted for cefuroxime for surgical prophylaxis. Please call the physician and recommend cefazolin.

| Cefuroxime (Zinacef, Kefurox) | Cost \$ per day | Ceftriaxone (Rocephin) | Cost \$ per Day |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 750 mg q8h | \$9.42 | 1 gm qd | \$20.81 |
| 1.5 gm q8h | \$18.81 | 1 gm qd | \$20.81 |
| 1.5 gm q6h | \$25.08 | 2 gm q24h | \$41.36 |

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