

Bon Secours Richmond
Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
Cephalexin and Cefadroxil

Recommendations: MEC approved

Cephalexin or cephradine will be interchanged depending on availability and cost.

Cephalexin or cephradine is recommended for automatic substitution for cefadroxil.

Cephalexin	Cephradine
Same dose and frequency	Same dose and frequency

Cefadroxil Ordered	Cephradine or Cephalexin Substitute
500 mg q 12h	500 mg q6h
1 gm q12h	1 gm q6h

<i>Commonly Recommended Adult Doses</i>	
Cephalexin	Cephradine
<i>Usual:</i> 250 mg-1 gm q 6H	<i>Usual:</i> 500mg q 6H-1g q 6H
<i>Strep pharyngitis, skin, uncomplicated cystitis:</i> 500mg q 12H	<i>Uncomplicated pneumonia, skin, UTI:</i> 500 mg q 6H
<i>Severe:</i> 500 mg q 6H	<i>Severe:</i> 500mg –1 g q 4h
Cefadroxil	Cephradine
<i>UTI:</i> 500 mg q 12H- 1g q 12H	<i>Usual:</i> 500mg q 6H-1g q 6H
<i>Skin:</i> 500 mg q 12H	<i>Uncomplicated pneumonia, skin, UTI:</i> 500 mg q 6H
	<i>Severe:</i> 500 mg-1g q 4H

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