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## **Cefazolin**

**Pharmacological Category:** Antibiotic, Cephalosporin (First Generation)

**Routes:** IV/IO

### **Indications:**

1. **Open fractures**
2. Partial/complete amputations
3. Major soft tissue injuries (e.g., mangled extremity)

### **Contraindications:**

1. Infusion <7 years of age (volume for infusion is larger than allowable fluid bolus).

### **Notes:**

#### Slow IV push dilution of cefazolin

1. Dilute 2 gm cefazolin with 20 mL NS
  - a. Inject two 10 mL flushes into one 2 gm vial of cefazolin  
**OR**
  - b. Inject one 10 mL flush into each 1 gm vial of cefazolin.
2. Resulting concentration is 100 mg/mL

#### Infusion dilution of cefazolin

1. Add cefazolin dosage (slow IV push dilution) to 100 mL bag of NS
  - a. Adults: add 20 mL (2 gm diluted) to 100 mL bag of NS
  - b. Pediatrics > 7 years of age: volume of diluted cefazolin added to 100 mL of NS will be calculated weight-based dosage.

### **Dosing: SOFT TISSUE AND ORTHOPEDIC INJURIES**

Indication: Partial/complete amputation, major soft tissue injuries (e.g., mangled extremity) and open fractures.

#### Adults administer:

1. Cefazolin 2 gm (slow IV push dilution), slow IVP over 3-5 minutes  
**OR**
2. Cefazolin Infusion: 2 gm (slow IV push dilution) added to a 100 mL bag of NS. Infuse over 15-30 minutes.

#### Pediatrics

1. Pediatrics slow IVP cefazolin administer:
  - a. Cefazolin (slow IV push dilution) according to MI MEDIC cards.
    - i. If MI MEDIC cards are not available administer Cefazolin (slow IV push dilution) 30 mg/kg slow IVP over 3-5 minutes. Maximum dose 2 gm.  
**OR**
2. Pediatrics  $\geq$  7 years of age infusion of cefazolin administer:

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- a. Cefazolin infusion according to MI MEDIC cards
  - a. If MI MEDIC cards are not available administer cefazolin (slow IV push dilution) 30 mg/kg added to 100 mL bag of NS. Max dose 2 gms. Infuse over 15-30 minutes.

**Used in the Following Protocols**

Soft Tissue and Orthopedic Injuries (Section 2 Trauma and Environmental)