ANTIBIOTIC MEDICATIONS (REFERENCE)



CEPHALEXIN

Cephalosporin, beta-lactam antibiotic

Used by Combat Medics (CM)

Recommended for soft tissue wounds if able to take PO meds and Moxifloxacin unavailable.

DOSAGE(S):

500 mg PO every 6 hours

ROUTE(S):

PO

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Known hypersensitivity, prolonged use associated with fungal or bacterial superinfection

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Abdominal pain, agitation, anemia, confusion, diarrhea, elevated transaminases, epidermal necrolysis, erythema multiform, fatigue, gastritis, headache, hypersensitivity, pseudomembranous colitis, thrombocytopenia, toxic epidermal necrolysis, urticaria, vomiting

DRUG
INTERACTIONS:

BCG Vaccine (live), cholera vaccine, typhoid vaccine (live), digoxin, estradiol, conjugated estrogens, metformin, probenecid, ticarcillin, warfarin, zinc

ONSET/PEAK/DURATION: 1 hr/1-2 hr/2-6 hr

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Alternate antibiotic given if Moxifloxacin is unavailable. Minimal to no mission impact.