

## Cefteram pivoxil PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Cefteram pivoxil

Product Number: C144

**CAS Number:** 82547-81-7

Molecular Formula:  $C_{22}H_{27}N_9O_7S_2$ 

Molecular Weight: 593.64

Form: Powder

**Appearance:** Off-white or light yellow powder

Source: Synthetic

**Water Content (Karl** 

Fischer):

≤2.0%

Optical Rotation: +35° - +43°

Storage Conditions: -20°C

**Description:** Cefteram pivoxil is a third generation cephalosporin antibiotic. Cefteram

pivoxil contains a pivoxil group which increases lipophilicity. Cefteram pivoxil is

freely soluble in ethanol, acetonitrile, methanol, and chloroform.

**Mechanism of Action:** Like β-lactams, cephalosporins interfere with PBP (penicillin binding protein)

activity involved in the final phase of peptidoglycan synthesis. PBP's are enzymes which catalyze a pentaglycine crosslink between alanine and lysine residues providing additional strength to the cell wall. Without a pentaglycine crosslink, the integrity of the cell wall is severely compromised and ultimately leads to cell lysis and death. Resistance to cephalosporins is commonly due to

cells containing plasmid encoded β-lactamases.

**Spectrum:** Like many third generation cephalosporins, cefteram is mostly active against

gram negative bacteria especially those which cause meningitis and

gonorrhea.

**References:** "Serious hypocarnitinemia and hypoglycaemia in Children treated with

antibacterials with a Pivoxil group." Pmda.go.jp. N.p., n.d. Web. 8 Apr. 2014.

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