



**Medical Referral Form  
Protocol for Ceftriaxone**

Contact Ontario Health atHome  
at 1-519-759-7040 ext. 3201

**Fax Referral to: 1-519-752-2186**

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

HCN \_\_\_\_\_ VC \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information**

Primary Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Surgical Procedure \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YY)

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Diet \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis Discussed**

- Patient?
- Family?

**Prognosis**

- Improve
- Remain Stable
- Deteriorate

**Prognosis Discussed**

- Patient?  Yes  No
- Family?  Yes  No

**Medications** *Specify Drug Dosage, Frequency, and Method of Administration*

Ceftriaxone - 1 Gram IM q 24 hours x \_\_\_\_\_ doses

First Dose Given at: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YY)

Last Dose to be given: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YY)

**Service Request** *Ontario Health atHome's assessment of the patient needs will determine the services to be provided*

- Case Management
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Nutritional Counselling
- Social Work
- Personal Support
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Ceftriaxone Protocol 1 gram IM q24 hours x \_\_\_\_\_ doses.  
 Mix 2.2 ml-1% Lidocaine into 1Gm ceftriaxone powder.  
 Shake for 3 minutes until clear and then give IM.

Weight bearing status for all Orthopedic referrals:  Full  Partial  Feather  None  As Tolerated

*Treatment will be taught and visits reduced whenever possible*

**Medical Supervision**

Physician Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YY)

*Physician's signature is required for Controlled Acts regulated under the Health Professions Act*

Physician Name \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Address \_\_\_\_\_ Physician CPSO Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **BGH Ceftriaxone Protocol**

As developed by BGH Infectious Disease physician Dr. R Pennie  
For BGH Ortho Clinic and ED as well as Willett Urgent Care Centre Paris

IM injections for patients with infections that would be sensitive to treatment with this medication but to provide an alternative route of administration rather than the traditional IV route

- Painful IV administration via peripheral route and difficulty maintaining site/access
- Recommended for central line administration but since usually only prescribed for a short course this is more cost efficient than arranging a PICC insertion
- Dilution of this medication with lidocaine and use of the a particular needle size (25G 1.5") increases patient compliance/comfort\*\*
- Can be easily and quickly administered so the patient can continue normal daily activities
- service to be arranged by Ontario Health atHome Nursing Care Centre

\*\*BGH Infectious Disease Specialist, Dr. Pennie, who developed this administration method, recommends using a 25 G 1 ½" needle (available on Brant supply list - code #NS5767 and is a safety needle) to insure appropriate depth of penetration to muscle but with the small gauge there is less tearing of tissue/a smaller track to prevent extensive tissue penetration (need to also order 3cc luer lok syringes). There is a supply of needles available in the BGH Ontario Health atHome office that can be provided when home nursing visits are indicated and they are also available at the Nursing Care Centre.

The medication and diluent is only available from Terrace Hill Pharmacy at 217 Terrace Hill Street, Brantford (Phone #: 519-720-0877 & Fax #: 519-720-0875) or Rexall Pharmacy at 260 St. Paul Avenue, Brantford (Phone #: 519-756-6363 & Fax #: 519-752-7786). The patient may take a written prescription (if provided) to the pharmacy or the Ontario Health atHome Care Coordinator may fax the completed medical referral form directly to the pharmacy (Care Coordinators: please ensure the physician's name is printed and he/she has signed the document). The lidocaine is not covered by ODB but is provided at a reasonable cost.

Terrace Hill Pharmacy is not open on Sundays so if the Rx needs to be filled urgently/cannot wait until opening of business on Monday morning or on a stat holiday weekend, Calea Pharmacy (Phone #: 1-855-842-3560 & Fax #: 1-877-563-9754) can fill it but there is charge for the lidocaine and the needles.