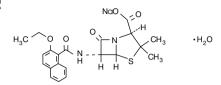
NAFCILLIN FOR INJECTION, USP

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DESCRIPTION:Nafcillin for Injection, USP is a semisynthetic antibiotic substance derived from 6-aminopenicillanic acid. It is the sodium salt in a parenteral dosage form. The chemical name is 4-Thia-1-azabicyclo [3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid, 6 [(2-ethoxy-1-apapthalenylocarboxyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-monosodium salt, monohydrate [2 $S(2\alpha,5\alpha,6\beta)$]. It is resistant to inactivation by the enzyme penicillinase (beta-lactamase). The structural formula of nafcillin sodium is as



 ${\rm C_{21}H_{21}N_{2}NaO_{5}S\cdot H_{2}O}$ Nafcillin for hijection, USP, for intramuscular or the intravenous route of administration, containing nafcillin sodium as a white crystalline powder for reconstitution. It is soluble in water. The pH of the aqueous solution is 6.0 to 8.5. Nafcillin for Injection, USP contains nafcillin sodium as the monohydrate equivalent to 1 gram or 2 grams of nafcillin per vial. The sodium content is 65.8 mg [2.9 mGg] per gram of nafcillin. The product is buffered with 40 mg sodium citrate per gram.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:
In a study of five healthy adults administered a single 500 mg dose of nafcillin by intravenous injection over seven minutes, the mean plasma concentration of the drug was approximately 30 mcg/mL at 5 minutes after injection. The mean area under the plasma concentration-versus-time curve (AUC) for nafcillin in this study was 18.06 mcg·h/mL. The serum half-life of nafcillin administered by the intravenous route ranged from 33 to 61 minutes as measured in three senarate studies.

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In contrast to the other penicillinase-resistant penicillins, only about 30% of nafcillin is excreted as unchanged drug in the urine of normal volunteers, and most within the first six hours. Nafcillin is primarily eliminated by nonrenal routes, namely hepatic inactivation and excretion in the bile.

Nafcillin binds to serum proteins, mainly albumin. The degree of protein binding reported for nafcillin is 89.9 ± 1.5%. Reported values vary with the method of study and the investigator.

The concurrent administration of probenecid with nafcillin increases and prolongs plasma concentrations of nafcillin. Probenecid significantly reduces the total body clearance of nafcillin with renal clearance being decreased to a greater extent than nonrenal clearance.

The penicillinase-resistant penicillins are widely distributed in various body fluids, including bile, pleural, amniotic and synovial fluids. With normal doses insignificant concentrations are found in the aqueous humor of the eye. High nafcillin CSF levels have been obtained in the presence of inflamed meninges. Renal failure does not appreciably affect the serum half-life of nafcillin; therefore, no modification of the usual nafcillin dosage is necessary in renal failure with or without hemodialysis. Hemodialysis does not accelerate the rate of clearance of nafcillin from the blood.

A study which assessed the effects of cirrhosis and extrahepatic billing obstruction in man demonstrated that the plasma clearance of nafcillin was significantly decreased in patients with hepatic dysfunction. In these patients with cirrhosis and extrahepatic obstruction, nafcillin excretion in the urine was significantly increased from about 30 to 50% of the administered dose, sugesting that renal disease superimposed on hepatic disease could further decrease nafcillin clearance.

Microbiology
Penicillinase-resistant penicillins exert a bactericidal action against penicillinsusceptible microorganisms during the state of active multiplication. All penicillins inhibit the biosynthesis of the bacterial cell wall.

The drugs in this class are highly resistant to inactivation by staphylococcal penicillinase and are active against penicillinase producing strains of Staphylococcus aureus. The penicillinase-resistant penicillins are active in vitro against a variety of other bacteria.

Susceptibility Tests

Diffusion Techniques: Quantitative methods that require measurement of zone diameters provide reproducible estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. One such standardized procedure¹ that has been recommended for use with disks to test the susceptibility of microorganisms to nafcillin uses the 1-mcg nafcillin disk. Interpretation involves correlation of the diameter obtained in the disk test with the MIC for nafcillin. Reports from the laboratory providing results of the standard single-disk susceptibility test with a 1-mcg nafcillin disk should be interpreted according to the following criteria:

Zone Diameter (mm) Interpretation Susceptible (S) Intermediate (I) Resistant (R)

A report of "Susceptible" indicates that the pathogen is likely to be inhibited by usually achievable concentrations of the antimicrobial compound in blood. A report of "Intermediate" indicates that the result should be considered equivocal, and, if the microorganism is not fully susceptible to alternative, clinically feasible drugs, the test should be repeated. This category implies possible clinical applicability in body sites where the drug is physiologically concentrated or in situations where high dosage of drug can be used. This category also provides a buffer zone that prevents small uncontrolled technical factors from causing major discrepancies in interpretation. A report of "Resistant" indicates that usually achievable concentrations of the antimicrobial compound in the blood are unlikely to be inhibitory and that other therapy should be selected. Measurement of MIC or MBC and achieved antimicrobial compound concentrations may be appropriate to guide therapy in some infections (see CLINICAL PHABMACDLOGY section for further information or drug concentrations achieved in infected body sites and other pharmacokinetic properties of this antimicrobial drug product).

Standardized susceptibility test procedures require the use of laboratory control microorganisms. The 1 mcg nafclillin disk should provide the following zone diameters in these laboratory test quality control strains:

Microorganism

Zone Diameter (mm)

Zone Diameter (mm) 16 to 22 Microorganism S. aureus ATCC 25923

<u>Dilution Techniques:</u> Quantitative methods that are used to determine minimum inhibitory concentrations provide reproducible estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. One such standardized procedure uses a standardized dilution method² (broth, agar, or microdilution) or equivalent with nafcillin powder. The MIC values obtained should be interpreted according to the following criteria:

MIC (mcg/mL) Interpretation Susceptible (S) Intermediate (I) Resistant (R) ≥4

Interpretation should be as stated above for results using diffusion tech-niques. As with standard diffusion techniques, dilution methods require the use of laboratory control microorganisms. Standard nafcillin powder should provide the following MIC values:

MIC (mcg/mL) 0.12 to 0.5 2 to 8 Microorganism S. aureus ATCC 29213 E. faecalis ATCC 29212

INDICATIONS AND USAGE:
Nafcillin is indicated in the treatment of infections caused by penicillinase-producing staphylococci which have demonstrated susceptibility to the drug. Culture and susceptibility tests should be performed initially to determine the causative organism and its susceptibility to the drug (see CLINICAL PHARMA-COLOGY, Susceptibility Tests).

Nafcillin may be used to initiate therapy in suspected cases of resistant staphylococcal infections prior to the availability of susceptibility test results. Nafcillin should not be used in infections caused by organisms susceptible to penicillin G. If the susceptibility test indicate that the infection is due to an organism other than a resistant Staphylococcus, therapy should not be continued with Nafcillin.

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CONTRAINDICATIONS:
A history of a hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reaction to any penicillin is a contraindication.

WARNINGS:
SERIOUS AND OCCASIONALLY FATAL HYPERSENSITIVITY (ANAPHYLACTIC)
REACTIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PATIENTS ON PENICILLIN THERAPY.
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PREVIOUS HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS TO PENICILLIN, SCEPHALOSPORINS,
OR OTHER ALLERGENS. IF AN ALLERGIC REACTION OCCURS, NAFCILLIN
SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED AND APPROPRIATE THERAPY INSTITUTED. SERIFOUS ANAPHYLACTIC REACTIONS REQUIRE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY
TREATMENT WITH EPINEPHRINE. OXYGEN, INTRAVENOUS STEROIDS, AND
AIRWAY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING INTUBATION, SHOULD AS DE
ADMINISTERED AS INDICATED.
Clostridum difficile associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported with use
of nearly all antibacterial agents, including Nafcillin for Injection, and may range
in severity from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. Treatment with antibacterial
agents alters the normal flora of the colon leading to overgrowth of
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General

Nafcillin should generally not be administered to patients with a history of sensitivity to any penicillin.

Penicillin should be used with caution in individuals with histories of significant allergies and/or asthma. Whenever allergic reactions occur, penicillin should be withdrawn unless, in the opinion of the physician, the condition being treated is life-threatening and amenable only to penicillin therapy. The use of antibiotics may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms. If new infections due to bacteria or fungi occur, the drug should be discontinued and approniate measures taken.

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The liver/biliary tract is the primary route of nafcillin clearance. Caution should be exercised when patients with concomitant hepatic insufficiency are real dysfunction are treated with nafcillin. Serum levels should be measured and the dosage adjusted appropriately to avoid possible neurotoxic reactions associated with very high concentrations (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

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Prescribing Nafcillin for Injection in the absence of a proven or strongly suspected bacterial infection or a prophylactic indication is unlikely to provide benefit to the patient and increases the risk of the development of drug-resistant bacteria.

Information for Patients

Patients should be counseled that antibacterial drugs including Nafcillin for Injection should only be used to treat bacterial infections. They do not treat wiral infections (e.g. the common cold). When Nafcillin for Injection is prescribed to treat a bacterial infection, patients should be told that although it is common to feel better early in the course of therapy, the medication should be taken exactly as directed. Skipping doses or not completing the full course of therapy may (1) decrease the effectiveness of the immediate treatment and (2) increase the likelihood that bacteria will develop resistance and will not be treatable by Nafcillin for Injection or other antibacterial drugs in the future.

Diarrhea is a common problem caused by antibiotics which usually ends when the antibiotic is discontinued. Sometimes after starting treatment with antibiotics, patients can develop watery and bloody stools (with or without stomach cramps and fever even as late as two or more months after having taken the last dose of the antibiotic. If this occurs, patients should contact their physician as soon as possible.

Laboratory Tests

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Bacteriologic studies to determine the causative organisms and their susceptibility to nafcillin should be performed (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Microbiology). In the treatment of suspected staphylococcal infections, therapy should be changed to another active agent if culture tests fail to demonstrate the presence of staphylococci.

Periodic assessment of organ system function including renal, hepatic, and hematopoietic should be made during prolonged therapy with nafcillin. White blood cell and differential cell counts should be obtained prior to initiation of therapy and periodically during therapy with nafcillin. SGOT and SGPT values should be obtained periodically during therapy to monitor for possible liver function abnormalities.

Drug Interactions
Tetracycline, a bacteriostatic antibiotic, may antagonize the bactericidal effect of penicillin, and concurrent use of these drugs should be avoided. Nafcillin in high dosage regimens, i.e., 2 grams every 4 hours, has been reported to decrease the effects of warfarin. When natcillin and warfarin are used concomitantly, the prothrombin time should be closely monitored and the dose of warfarin adjusted as necessary. This effect may persist for up to 30 days after natcillin has been discontinued.

Natcillin when administered concomitantly with cyclosporine has been reported to result in subtherapeutic cyclosporine levels. The natcillin-cyclosporine interaction was documented in a patient during two separate courses of therapy. When cyclosporine and natcillin are used concomitantly in organ transplant patients, the cyclosporine levels should be monitored.

Drug/Laboratory Test InteractionsNatcillin in the urine can cause a false-positive urine reaction for protein when the sulfosalicylic acid test is used, but not with the dipstick.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
No long-term animal studies have been conducted with these drugs.
Studies on reproduction (nafcillin) in rats and mice reveal no fetal or mate nal abnormalities before conception and continuously through weaning (or generation).

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects

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Pregnancy Category B
Reproduction studies have been performed in the mouse with oral doses up to 20 times the human dose and orally in the rat at doses up to 40 times the human dose and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the rodent fetus due to nafcillin. There are, however, no adequate or well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, nafcillin should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Nursing Nouners

Penicillins are excreted in human milk. Caution should be exercised when penicillins are administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use
The liver/biliary tract is the principal route of nafcillin elimination. Because of immature hepatic and renal function in pediatric patients, nafcillin excretion may be impaired, with abnormally high serum levels resulting, Serum levels should be monitored and the dosage adjusted appropriately. 1.2 There are approved pediatric patient dosage regimens for intravenous nafcillin. Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

Geriatric Use
Clinical studies of Nafcillin for Injection did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

Natcillin for Injection, USP contains nafcillin sodium as the monohydrate equivalent to 1 gram or 2 grams of nafcillin per vial. The sodium content is 50 mg [2.9 mEq] per gram or nafcillin. The product is buffered with 40 mg sodium clirate per gram. At the usual recommended doses, patients would receive between 131.6 and 394.8 mg/day (5.8 and 17.4 mEq) of sodium. The geriatric population may respond with a blunted natriuresis to salt loading. This may be clinically important with regard to such diseases as congestive heart failure.

ADVERSE REACTIONS:

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Body as a Whole

The reported incidence of allergic reactions to penicillin ranges from 0.7 to 10 percent (see WARNINGS). Sensitization is usually the result of treatment, but some individuals have had immediate reactions to penicillin when first treated. In such cases, it is thought that the patients may have had prior exposure to the drug via trace amounts present in milk or vaccines.

Two types of allergic reactions to penicillins are noted clinically, immediate and delayed.

Immediate reactions usually occur within 20 minutes of administration and range in severity from urticaria and puritus to angioneurotic edema, laryngospasm, bronchospasm, hypotension, vascular collapse, and death. Such immediate anaphylactic reactions are very rare (see WARNINGS) and usually occur after parenteral therapy but have occurred in patients receiving oral therapy. Another type of immediate reaction, an accelerated reaction, may occur between 20 minutes and 48 hours after administration and may include urticaria, pruritus, and fever. Although laryngeal edema, laryngospasm, and hypotension occasionally occur, fatality is uncommon.

Delayed allergic reactions to penicillin therapy usually occur after 48 hours and sometimes as late as 2 to 4 weeks after initiation of therapy. Manifestations of this type of reaction include serum sickness-like symptoms (i.e., fever, malaise, urticaria, myalgia, arthralgia, abdominal pain) and various skin rashes. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomattis, black or hairy tongue, and other symptoms of gastrointestinal irritation may occur, especially during oral penicillin therapy.

Local Reactions
Pain, swelling, inflammation, phlebitis, thrombophlebitis, and occasional skin sloughing at the injection site have occurred with intravenous administration of nafcillin (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Severe tissue necrosis with sloughing secondary to subcutaneous extravasation of nafcillin has been reported.

Nervous System Reactions
Neurotoxic reactions similar to those observed with penicillin G could occur
with large intravenous doses of natcillin especially in patients with concomitant
hepatic insufficiency and renal dysfunction (see PRECAUTIONS).

Urogenital Reactions

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Renal tubular damage and interstitial nephritis have been associated infrequently with the administration of nafcillin. Manifestations of this reaction may
include rash, fever, eosinophilia, hematuria, proteinuria, and renal insufficiency.

Gastrointestinal Reactions
Pseudomembranous colitis has been reported with the use of nafcillin. The onset of pseudomembranous colitis symptoms may occur during or after antibiotic treatment (see WARNINGS).

Metabolic Reactions
Agranulocytosis, neutropenia, and bone marrow depression have been associated with the use of nafcillin.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE EVENTS, contact FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov.

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Neurotoxic reactions similar to those observed with penicillin G may arise with intravenous doses of nafcillin especially in patients with concomitant hepatic insufficiency and renal dysfunction (see PRECAUTIONS).

In the case of overdosage, discontinue nafcillin, treat symptomatically and institute supportive measures as required. Hemodialysis does not increase the rate of clearance of nafcillin from the blood.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:

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Mafcillin for Injection is available for intramuscular and intravenous use. The penicillinase-resistant penicillins are available for oral administration and for intramuscular and intravenous injection. The sodium salts of methicillin, oxacillin, and nafcillin may be administered parenterally and the sodium salts of cloxacillin, dicloxacillin, oxacillin, and nafcillin are available for oral use. The usual IV dosage for adults is 500 mg every 4 hours. For severe infections, 1 g every 4 hours is recommended. Administer slowly over at least 30 to 60 minutes to minimize the risk of vein irritation and extravasation.

RECOMMENDED DOSAGE FOR NAFCILLIN FOR INJECTION, USP

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Drug	Adults	Infants and Children <40 kg (88 lbs)	Other Recommendations			
Nafcillin	500 mg IM every 4 to 6 hours IV every 4 hours		Neonates 10 mg/kg IM twice daily			
Nafcillin	1 gram IM or IV every 4 hours. (severe infections)					

Bacteriologic studies to determine the causative organisms and their susceptibility to nafcillin should always be performed. Duration of therapy varies with the type and severity of infection as well as the overall condition of the patient; therefore, it should be determined by the clinical and bacteriological response of the patient. In severe staphylococcal infections, therapy with nafcillin should be continued for at least 14 days. Therapy should be continued for at least 44 hours after the patient has become afebrile, asymptomatic, and cultures are negative. The treatment of endocarditis and osteomyelitis may require a longer duration of therapy.

Concurrent administration of the penicillinase-resistant penicillins and probenecid increases and prolongs serum penicillin levels. Probenecid decreases the apparent volume of distribution and slows the rate of excretion by competitively inhibiting renal tubular secretion of penicillin. Nafcillin-probenecid therapy is generally limited to those infections where very high serum levels of nafcillin are necessary.

Oral preparations of the penicillinase-resistant penicillins should not be used as initial therapy in serious life-threatening infections (see PRECAUTIONS, General). Oral therapy with the penicillinase-resistant penicillins may be used to follow-up the previous use of a parenteral agent as soon as the clinical condition warrants. For intramuscular gluteal injections, care should be taken to avoid sciatic nerve injury. With intravenous administration, particularly in elderly patients, care should be taken because of the possibility of thrombophlebitis. No dosage alterations are necessary for patients with renal dysfunction, including those on hemodialysis. Hemodialysis does not accelerate nafcillin clearance from the blood.

For patients with hepatic insufficiency and renal failure, measurement of nafcillin serum levels should be performed and dosage adjusted accordingly.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and disc

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For Intranscular Use: Reconstitute with Sterile Water for Injection, USP, 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP or Bacteriostatic Water for Injection, USP with benzyl alcohol or parabens); add 3.4 m L to the 1 g vial for 4 m L resulting solution; 6.6 m L to the 2 gram vials for 8 m L resulting solution. All reconstituted vials have a concentration of 250 mg per m L.

The clear solution should be administered by deep intragluteal injection immediately after reconstitution.

Reconstituted Stability: Reconstitute with the required amount of Sterile Water for Injection, USP, 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, or Bacteriostatic Water for Injection, USP (with benzyl alcohol or parabens). The resulting solutions are stable for 3 days at room temperature or 7 days under refrigeration or 90 days frozen.

For Direct Intravenous Use: The required amount of drug should be diluted in 15 to 30 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP or Sodium Chloride Injection, USP and injected over a 5- to 10- minute period. This may be accomplished through the tubing of an intravenous infusion if desirable.

For Administration by Intravenous Drip: Reconstitute as directed above (For

intrave	intravenous use) prior to diluting with intravenous solution.																
STABILITY PERIODS FOR NAFCILLIN FOR INJECTION, USP*	Lactated Ringers Solution	ROOM TEMPERATURE (25°C)				24 hrs			7 days			90 days					
	10% Invert Sugar										24 hrs			7 days			90 days
	5% Dextrose in 0.45% NaCl				24 hrs				7 days	FR0ZEN (-15°C)		90 days					
	5% Dextrose Injection				24 hrs				7 days			90 days					
	M/6 Molar Sodium Lactate Solution			24 hrs					7 days			90 days					
	0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection		24 hrs					7 days			90 days						
STA	Sterile Water for Injection, USP		24 hrs					7 days			90 days						
	Concentration mg/m.L		10 to 200	30	2 to 30	10 to 30		10 to 200	10 to 30		250	10 to 250					

*IMPORTANT: This chemical stability information in no way indicates that it would be acceptable practice to use this product well after the preparation time. Good professional practice suggests that a product should be used as soon after preparation as feasible.

Only those solutions listed above should be used for the intravenous infusion of Nafcillin for Injection, USP. The concentrations of the antibiotic should fall within the range specified. The drug concentration and the rate volume of the infusion should be adjusted so that the total dose of nafcillin is administered before the drug loses its stability in the solution in use.

There is no clinical experience available on the use of this agent in neonates or infants for this route of administration.

This route of administration should be used for relatively short-term therapy (24 to 48 hours) because of the occasional occurrence of thrombophlebitis particularly in elderly patients.

If another agent is used in conjunction with nafcillin therapy, it should not be physically mixed with nafcillin but should be administered separately. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit.

HOW SUPPLIED:Nafcillin for Injection, USP contains nafcillin sodium equivalent to 1 gram or 2 grams of nafcillin and is supplied as follows:

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Product	NDC		
No.	No.	Strength	Size
302710	63323-327-10	1 gram	1 gram vial, packaged in 10.
302820	63323-328-20	2 gram	2 gram vial, packaged in 10.

This container closure is not made with natural rubber latex.

Before reconstitution store sterile powder at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

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