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Mechanism of Resistance
 Resistance to ceftriaxone is primarily through hydrolysis by β -lactamase, alteration of penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) and decreased permeability. Interaction with other antimicrobials: In an *in vitro* study, antagonistic effects have been observed with the combination of cloxacillin and ceftriaxone. Ceftriaxone has been shown to be active against most isolates of the following bacteria, both *in vitro* and in clinical infections as described:

- Gram-negative bacteria: *Aerobacter calcoaceticus*, <