

# DRUG CARD

Cephalexin

Keflex

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Cephalosporin 1st generation

Therapeutic Class: • Anti-infectives

**Action:** Bactericidal: binds to bacterial cell wall leading to cell death

**Indication:**

- Skin infections
- Pneumonia
- UTI
- Otitis media

Reason Given (Disease States): \_\_\_\_\_

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	<b>Nursing Considerations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contraindicated with cephalosporin and serious penicillin allergies.</li><li>• May need lead to seizures, pseudomembranous colitis, diarrhea, phlebitis at IV site, anaphylaxis</li><li>• Assess infection and allergies</li><li>• Obtain cultures prior to therapy</li><li>• Monitor bowel function</li><li>• May lead to superinfection</li><li>• May cause elevated liver enzymes</li></ul>
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