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Getting daptomycin safely

Cubicin · IV antibiotic, once a day

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Skipping doses, or stopping early**
   Feeling better is common. Finish every dose of the course.
2. **Ignoring muscle pain or weakness**
   Report it. Weekly CPK blood tests check your muscles.
3. **Brushing off a cough or fever**
   A rare lung reaction can start 2 to 4 weeks in. Call right away.

How it's given

- **Once a day by IV**, never more often. Very poor kidney function: may be every 48 hours.
- For serious skin infections and Staph aureus bloodstream infections. **Not used for pneumonia.**
- **Finish the full course**, even if you feel better. Skipping doses can let bacteria become resistant.
- Follow the storage and warming steps your infusion pharmacy taught you. Never microwave it.

Blood tests and medicines

- **CPK (muscle) blood test every week**, more often with kidney problems.
- **Taking a statin** for cholesterol? Your provider may pause it.
- **On warfarin?** Daptomycin can make some INR tests read falsely high. The lab can repeat it right before your next dose.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
Swelling of the face, lips or tongue, trouble breathing, or a severe rash: call 911.

Call your provider right away if you notice

- Muscle pain or weakness (forearms, lower legs), tingling or numbness
- A cough, shortness of breath, or fever
- A new skin rash with fever, or new kidney problems
- Watery or bloody stools, with or without cramps and fever, even 2 or more months after your last dose

Tell your provider about any past allergic reaction to daptomycin. **Pregnant or breastfeeding?** Talk with your provider; small amounts pass into breast milk.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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