

# Clinical significance with empirical therapy of Common Bacteria

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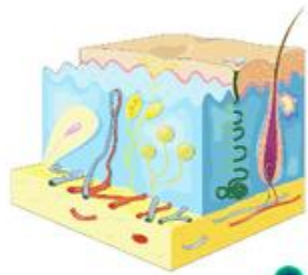
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# Neuroinfections



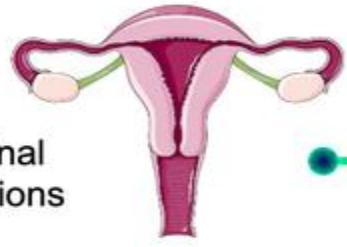
# Skin infections



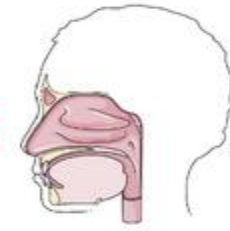
# Gastrointestinal infections



# Vaginal infections



# Oral cavity infections



# Human Bacterial Infections



# Mammary glands infections



# Urinary tract infections



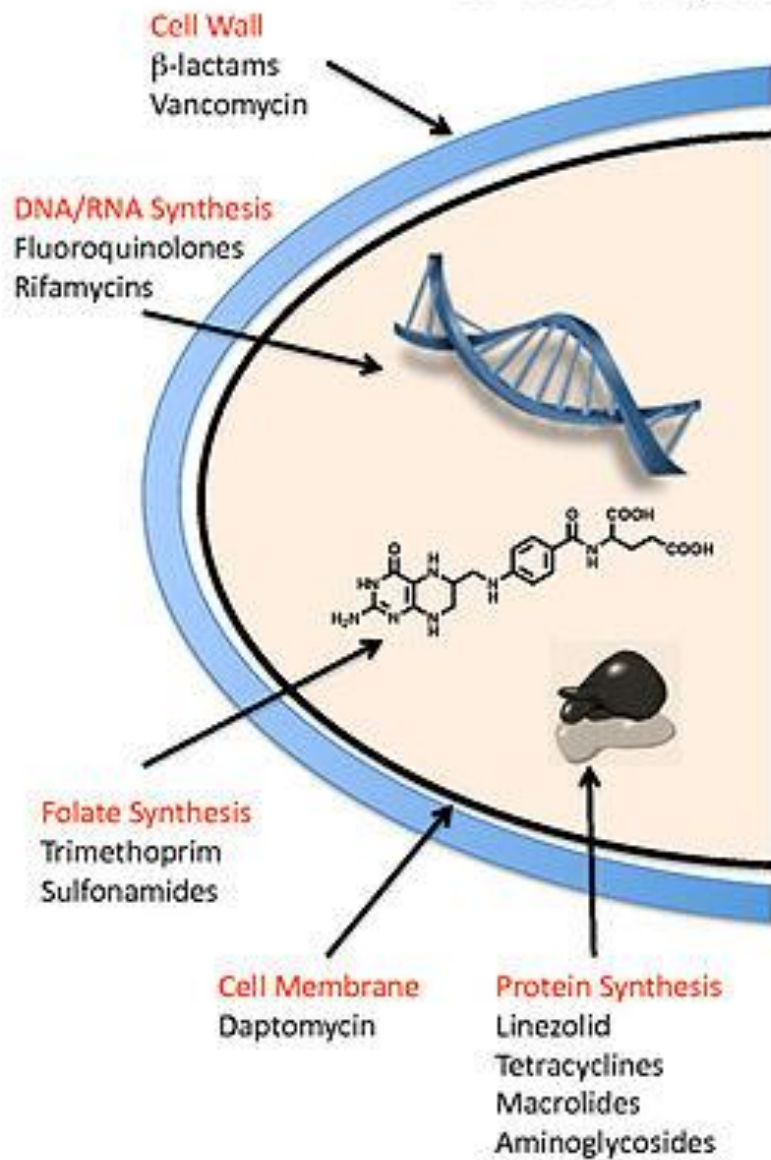
# Pulmonary infections



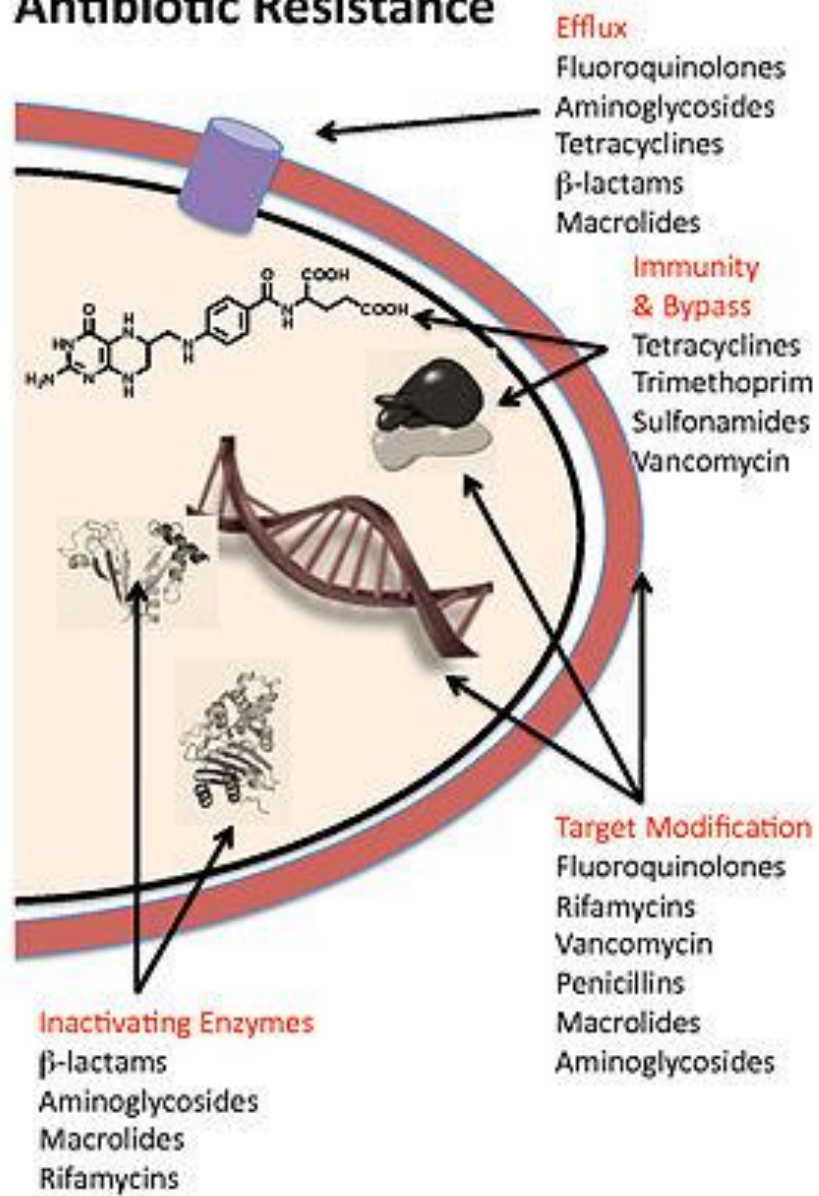
Characteristics	Genus	Representative Diseases
<b>I. Rigid, thick-walled cells</b>		
A. Free-living (extracellular bacteria)		
1. Gram-positive		
a. Cocci	<i>Streptococcus</i> <i>Staphylococcus</i>	Pneumonia, pharyngitis, cellulitis Abscess of skin and other organs
b. Spore-forming rods		
(1) Aerobic	<i>Bacillus</i>	Anthrax
(2) Anaerobic	<i>Clostridium</i>	Tetanus, gas gangrene, botulism
c. Non-spore-forming rods		
(1) Nonfilamentous	<i>Corynebacterium</i> <i>Listeria</i>	Diphtheria Meningitis
(2) Filamentous	<i>Actinomyces</i> <i>Nocardia</i>	Actinomycosis Nocardiosis
2. Gram-negative		
a. Cocci	<i>Neisseria</i>	Gonorrhea, meningitis
b. Rods		
(1) Facultative		
(a) Straight		
(i) Respiratory organisms	<i>Haemophilus</i> <i>Bordetella</i> <i>Legionella</i>	Meningitis Whooping cough Pneumonia
(ii) Zoonotic organisms	<i>Brucella</i> <i>Francisella</i> <i>Pasteurella</i> <i>Yersinia</i>	Brucellosis Tularemia Cellulitis Plague
(iii) Enteric and related organisms	<i>Escherichia</i> <i>Enterobacter</i> <i>Serratia</i> <i>Klebsiella</i> <i>Salmonella</i> <i>Shigella</i> <i>Proteus</i>	Urinary tract infection, diarrhea Urinary tract infection Pneumonia Pneumonia, urinary tract infection Enterocolitis, typhoid fever Enterocolitis Urinary tract infection
(b) Curved	<i>Campylobacter</i> <i>Helicobacter</i> <i>Vibrio</i>	Enterocolitis Gastritis, peptic ulcer Cholera
(2) Aerobic	<i>Pseudomonas</i>	Pneumonia, urinary tract infection
(3) Anaerobic	<i>Bacteroides</i>	Peritonitis
3. Acid-fast	<i>Mycobacterium</i>	Tuberculosis, leprosy
B. Non-free-living (obligate intracellular parasites)		
	<i>Rickettsia</i> <i>Chlamydia</i>	Rocky Mountain spotted fever, typhus, Q fever Urethritis, trachoma, psittacosis
<b>II. Flexible, thin-walled cells (spirochetes)</b>		
	<i>Treponema</i> <i>Borrelia</i> <i>Leptospira</i>	Syphilis Lyme disease Leptospirosis
<b>III. Wall-less cells</b>		
	<i>Mycoplasma</i>	Pneumonia

INHIBIT		CLASIFICATION		ANTIBIOTICS				
<b>Cell Wall Synthesis</b>	<b>Beta Lactams</b>	<b>Penicillins</b>	<b>Penicillinase – Sensible</b>					
			Natural Penicillins (narrow spectrum)	Penicillin G: Na, K, Procainic, Benzathine (IV, IM) Penicillin V: VO				
			Aminopenicillins (broad spectrum)	Ampicillin Amoxicillin				
			<b>Penicillinase – Resistant (very narrow spectrum)</b>					
			Nafcillin	Oxacillin		Dicloxacillin		
			<b>Antipseudomonal (extended spectrum)</b>					
			Carboxipenicillins	Ticarcillin Carbenicillin				
		Ureidopenicillins	Piperacillin Azlocillin Mezlocillin					
		<b>Cephalosporins</b>	1° Generation		Cefazolin	Cephalexine	Cephapirin	
					Cefadroxil	Cephadrine	Cephalotin	
	2° Generation		Cefuroxime	Cefamandole	Cefprozil			
			Cefoxitin	Cefonicid	Cefmetazole			
			Cefotetan	Cefaclor				
	3° Generation		Cefoperazone	Ceftriaxone	Ceftazidime			
			Cefpodoxime	Ceftizoxime	Cefotaxime			
			Cefdinir	Ceftibuten	Cefixime			
			Cefditoren					
	4° Generation		Cefepime		Cefpirome *			
	5° Generation		Ceftaroline					
	<b>Carbapenems</b>		Meropenem	Ertapenem	Doripenem	Imipenem + Cylastatine		
<b>Monobactams</b>		Aztreonam						
*** <b>Beta-lactamase inhib.</b>		Sulbactam	Tazobactam		Clavulanic Acid			
<b>No lactam</b>	<b>Glycopeptides</b>	Vancomycin		Bacitracin				
		Teicoplanin		Polymyxin B				
<b>Protein Synthesis</b>	30S	<b>Amino-glycosides</b>	Gentamycin	Neomycin		Streptomycin		
			Amikacin	Tobramycin				
		<b>Tetracyclins</b>	Doxycycline	Demeclocylin *		Minocycline		
	50S		Tetracyclin	Tigecyclin				
		<b>Oxazolidonones</b>	Linezolid					
		<b>Streptogramins</b>	Quinupristin/Dalfopristin					
<b>Cloramphenicol</b>								
<b>Macrolides</b>	Erythromycin	Azithromycin		Clarithromycin				
<b>Lincosamides</b>	Clindamycin			Lincomycin				
<b>DNA topoisomerases</b>	<b>Fluorquinolones</b>	Ciprofloxacin	Norfloxacin	Levofloxacin	Ofloxacin			
		Sparfloxacin	Moxifloxacin	Gemifloxacin	Enfloxacin			
	<b>Quinolones</b>	Nalidixic Acid						
<b>Folic Acid Synthesis</b>	<b>Sulfonamides</b>	Sulfamethoxazole (SMX)		Ag Sulfadiazine	Sulfasalazine	Sulfisoxazole		
	<b>DHFR inhibitors</b>	Trimethoprim (TMP)			Pirymethamine			
<b>DNA (damage)</b>	<b>Metronidazole</b>							
<b>mRNA synth.</b>	<b>Rifampim</b>							

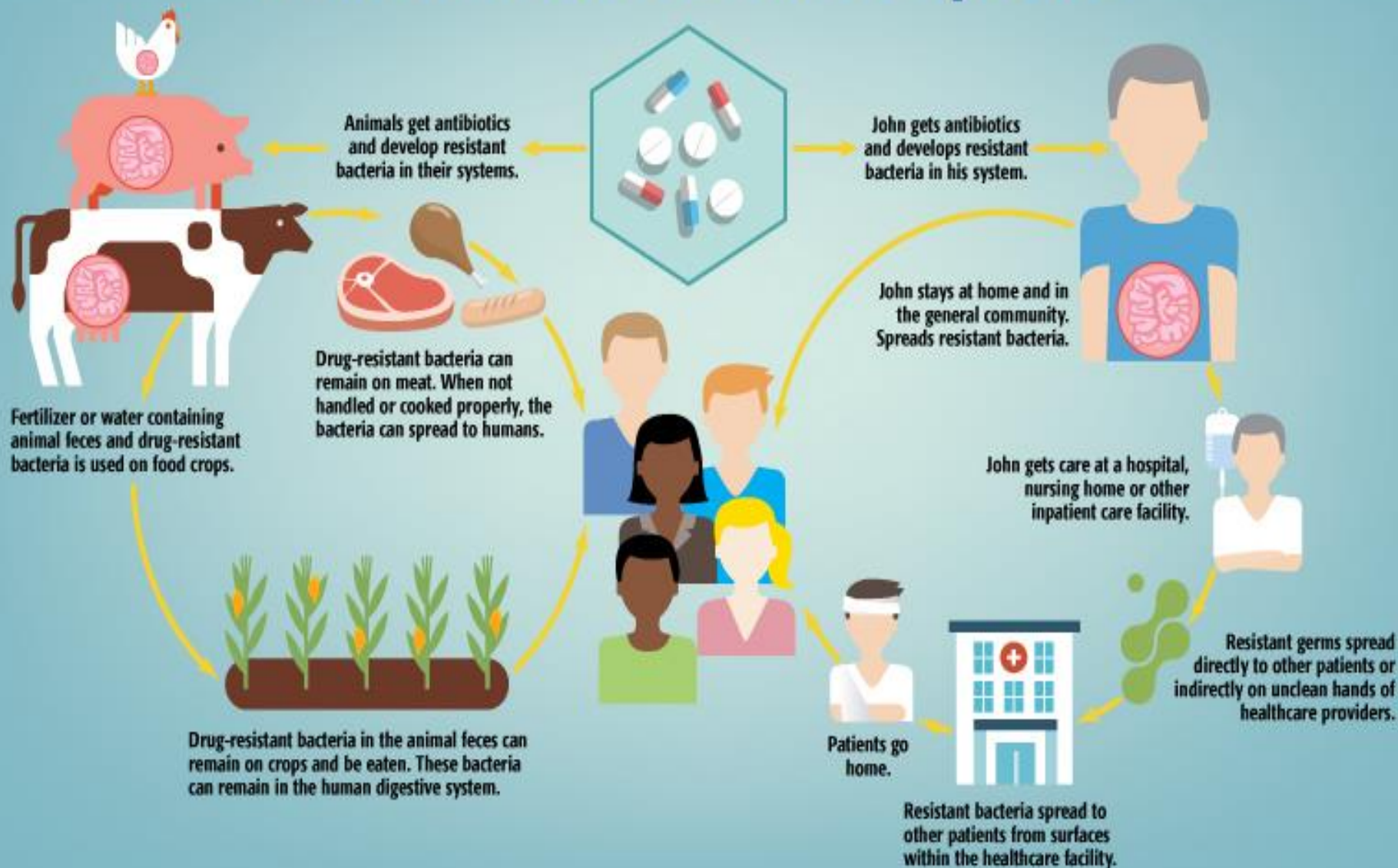
## Antibiotic Targets



## Antibiotic Resistance



# How Antibiotic Resistance Spreads



**Table 3G-1. Test for Detecting Methicillin (Oxacillin) Resistance in *Staphylococcus aureus*<sup>a</sup> and *Staphylococcus lugdunensis***

Test	Detecting <i>mecA</i> -Mediated Resistance Using Cefoxitin <sup>b</sup>		Detecting <i>mecA</i> -Mediated Resistance Using Oxacillin	Detecting <i>mecA</i> -mediated Resistance Using Oxacillin Salt Agar for <i>S. aureus</i> Only
Test method	Disk diffusion	Broth microdilution	Broth microdilution and agar dilution	Agar dilution for <i>S. aureus</i>
Medium	MHA	CAMHB	CAMHB with 2% NaCl (broth microdilution) MHA with 2% NaCl (agar dilution)	MHA with 4% NaCl
Antimicrobial concentration	30- $\mu$ g cefoxitin disk	4 $\mu$ g/mL cefoxitin	2 $\mu$ g/mL oxacillin	6 $\mu$ g/mL oxacillin
Inoculum	Standard disk diffusion procedure	Standard broth microdilution procedure	Standard broth microdilution procedure or standard agar dilution procedure	Colony suspension to obtain 0.5 McFarland turbidity  Using a 1- $\mu$ L loop that was dipped in the suspension, spot an area 10-15 mm in diameter. Alternatively, using a swab dipped in the suspension and the excess liquid expressed, spot a similar area or streak an entire quadrant.
Incubation conditions	33 to 35°C; ambient air <sup>c</sup>			
Incubation length	16-18 hours	16-20 hours	24 hours (may be reported after 18 hours, if resistant)	24 hours; read with transmitted light
Results	$\leq 21$ mm = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance  $\geq 22$ mm = negative for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance	$\geq 8$ $\mu$ g/mL = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance  $\leq 4$ $\mu$ g/mL = negative for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance	$\geq 4$ $\mu$ g/mL = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance  $\leq 2$ $\mu$ g/mL = negative for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance	Examine carefully with transmitted light for > 1 colony or light film of growth.  > 1 colony = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance

**Table 3G-2. Test for Detecting Methicillin (Oxacillin) Resistance in *Staphylococcus* spp. Except *Staphylococcus aureus*<sup>a</sup> and *Staphylococcus lugdunensis***

Test	Detecting <i>mecA</i> -Mediated Resistance Using Cefoxitin <sup>b</sup>	Detecting <i>mecA</i> -Mediated Resistance Using Oxacillin	
Test method	Disk diffusion	Disk diffusion	Broth microdilution and agar dilution
Organism group	<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp. except: <i>S. aureus</i> (refer to Table 3G-1) <i>S. lugdunensis</i> (refer to Table 3G-1) <i>S. pseudintermedius</i> (not recommended) <i>S. schleiferi</i> (not recommended)	Testing is only indicated for the species listed below: <i>S. epidermidis</i> <i>S. pseudintermedius</i> <i>S. schleiferi</i>	<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp. except: <i>S. aureus</i> (refer to Table 3G-1) <i>S. lugdunensis</i> (refer to Table 3G-1)
Medium	MHA	MHA	CAMHB with 2% NaCl (broth microdilution) MHA with 2% NaCl (agar dilution)
Antimicrobial concentration	30 µg cefoxitin disk	1-µg oxacillin disk	0.5 µg/mL oxacillin
Inoculum	Standard disk diffusion procedure	Standard disk diffusion procedure	Standard broth microdilution procedure or standard agar dilution procedure
Incubation conditions	33 to 35°C; ambient air <sup>c</sup>		
Incubation length	24 hours (may be reported after 18 hours, if resistant)	16-18 hours	24 hours (may be reported after 18 hours, if resistant)
Results	≤ 24 mm = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance ≥ 25 mm = negative for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance	≤ 17 mm = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance ≥ 18 mm = negative for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance	≥ 1 µg/mL = positive for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance ≤ 0.5 µg/mL = negative for <i>mecA</i> -mediated resistance





**Fig. 1: Cefoxitin Sensitive Isolate**

## *Staphylococcus aureus*

### **MIC for**

VSSA =  $\leq 2$  mcg/mL,

hVISA =  $< 4$  mcg/mL,

VISA = 2-4 mcg/mL,

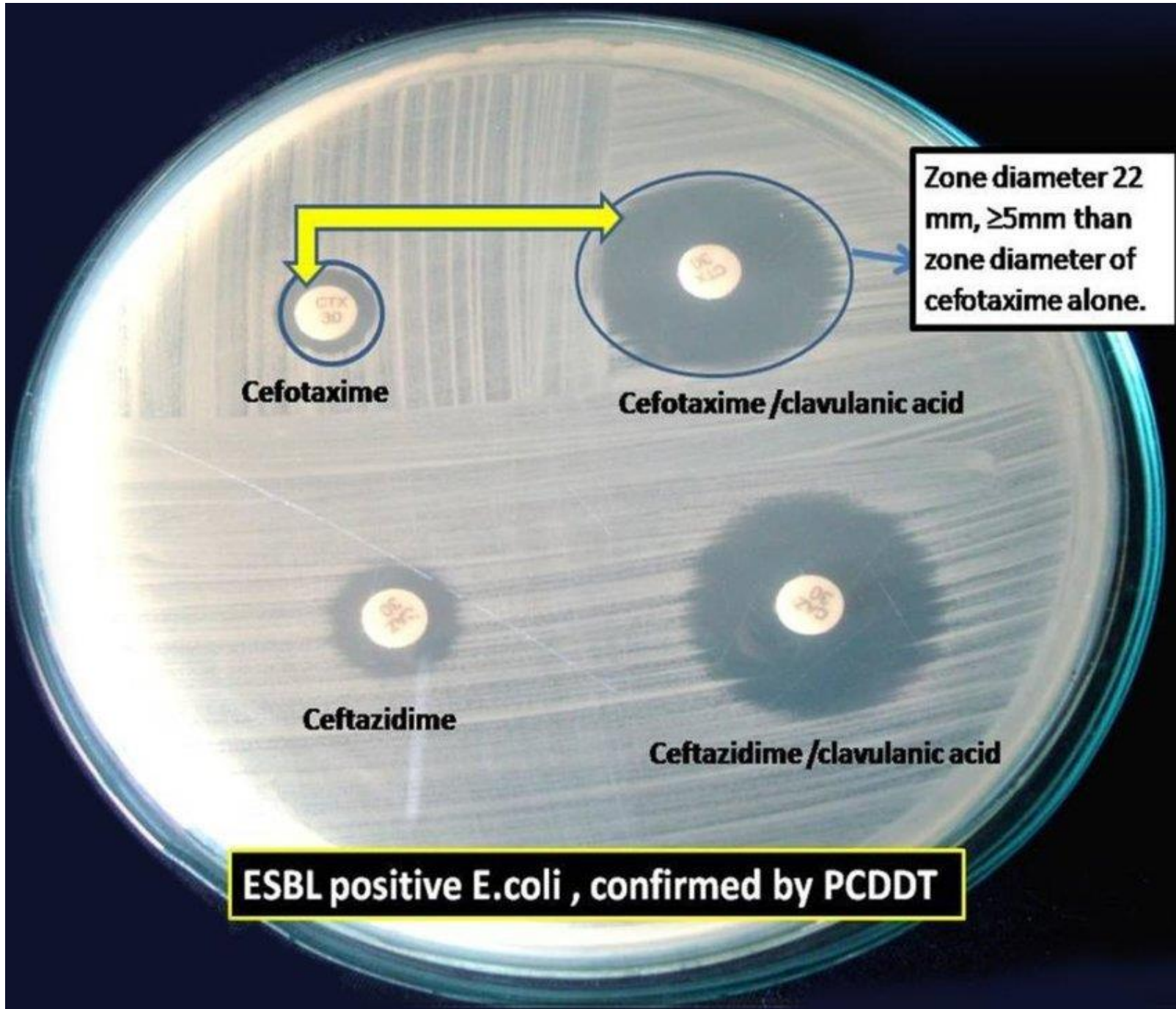
VRSA =  $\geq 16$  mcg/mL

Table 3A. (Continued)

Test	Criteria for Performance of ESBL Test		ESBL Test	
Test method	Disk diffusion	Broth microdilution	Disk diffusion	Broth microdilution
Medium	MHA	CAMHB	MHA	CAMHB
Antimicrobial concentration	<p>For <i>K. pneumoniae</i>, <i>K. oxytoca</i>, and <i>E. coli</i>:</p> <p>Cefpodoxime 10 µg or Ceftazidime 30 µg or Aztreonam 30 µg or Cefotaxime 30 µg or Ceftriaxone 30 µg</p> <p>For <i>P. mirabilis</i>:</p> <p>Cefpodoxime 10 µg or Ceftazidime 30 µg or Cefotaxime 30 µg</p> <p>(Testing more than one antimicrobial agent improves the sensitivity of ESBL detection.)</p>	<p>For <i>K. pneumoniae</i>, <i>K. oxytoca</i>, and <i>E. coli</i>:</p> <p>Cefpodoxime 4 µg/mL or Ceftazidime 1 µg/mL or Aztreonam 1 µg/mL or Cefotaxime 1 µg/mL or Ceftriaxone 1 µg/mL</p> <p>For <i>P. mirabilis</i>:</p> <p>Cefpodoxime 1 µg/mL or Ceftazidime 1 µg/mL or Cefotaxime 1 µg/mL</p> <p>(Testing more than one antimicrobial agent improves the sensitivity of ESBL detection.)</p>	<p>Ceftazidime 30 µg Ceftazidime-clavulanate<sup>a</sup> 30/10 µg</p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p>Cefotaxime 30 µg Cefotaxime-clavulanate 30/10 µg</p> <p>(Testing necessitates using both cefotaxime and ceftazidime, alone and in combination with clavulanate.)</p>	<p>Ceftazidime 0.25-128 µg/mL Ceftazidime-clavulanate 0.25/4-128/4 µg/mL</p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p>Cefotaxime 0.25-64 µg/mL Cefotaxime-clavulanate 0.25/4-64/4 µg/mL</p> <p>(Testing necessitates using both cefotaxime and ceftazidime, alone and in combination with clavulanate.)</p>
Inoculum	Standard disk diffusion procedure	Standard broth dilution procedure	Standard disk diffusion procedure	Standard broth dilution procedure
Incubation conditions	35°C ± 2°C; ambient air	35°C ± 2°C; ambient air	35°C ± 2°C; ambient air	35°C ± 2°C; ambient air
Incubation length	16-18 hours	16-20 hours	16-18 hours	16-20 hours

Table 3A. (Continued)

Test	Criteria for Performance of ESBL Test		ESBL Test		
Test method	Disk diffusion		Disk diffusion	Broth microdilution	
Results	For <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>K. oxytoca</i> , and <i>E. coli</i> :		Growth at or above the concentrations listed may indicate ESBL production (ie, for <i>E. coli</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , and <i>K. oxytoca</i> , MIC $\geq 8$ $\mu\text{g/mL}$ for cefpodoxime or MIC $\geq 2$ $\mu\text{g/mL}$ for ceftazidime, aztreonam, cefotaxime, or ceftriaxone; and for <i>P. mirabilis</i> , MIC $\geq 2$ $\mu\text{g/mL}$ for cefpodoxime, ceftazidime, or cefotaxime).	A $\geq 5$ -mm increase in a zone diameter for either antimicrobial agent tested in combination with clavulanate vs the zone diameter of the agent when tested alone = ESBL (eg, ceftazidime zone = 16; ceftazidime-clavulanate zone = 21).	A $\geq 3$ 2-fold concentration decrease in an MIC for either antimicrobial agent tested in combination with clavulanate vs the MIC of the agent when tested alone = ESBL (eg, ceftazidime MIC = 8 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ; ceftazidime-clavulanate MIC = 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ).
	Cefpodoxime zone	$\leq 17$ mm			
	Ceftazidime zone	$\leq 22$ mm			
	Aztreonam zone	$\leq 27$ mm			
Cefotaxime zone	$\leq 27$ mm				
Ceftriaxone zone	$\leq 25$ mm				
For <i>P. mirabilis</i> :					
Cefpodoxime zone	$\leq 22$ mm				
Ceftazidime zone	$\leq 22$ mm				
Cefotaxime zone	$\leq 27$ mm				
Zones above may indicate ESBL production.					



Zone diameter 22 mm,  $\geq 5$ mm than zone diameter of cefotaxime alone.

Cefotaxime

Cefotaxime /clavulanic acid

Ceftazidime

Ceftazidime /clavulanic acid

**ESBL positive E.coli , confirmed by PCDDT**

# ***Staphylococcus aureus* MSSA/MRSA**

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Skin contaminant, Pathogen in CNS shunts

Blood: Skin contaminant, Pathogen in soft tissue, bone, abscess, IV line infection,

Sputum: Colonizer, pathogen rare; only following viral infection,

Urine: Colonizer, Not a uropathogen rarely due to overwhelming bacteremia

Wound: Colonizer and pathogen in abscess

Therapy; **MSSA**: cefazolin, nafcillin, oxacillin, flucloxacillin,

Therapy; **HA-MRSA**: Ceftaroline, Daptomycin, Linezolid, Vancomycin, Tigecycline, Minocycline, Telavancin, Quinopristin/Dalfopristin ( All IV)

Therapy; **CA-MRSA oral** : Minocycline, doxycycline, Co-trimoxazole, Clindamycin

Therapy; **VISA/VRSA**: Linezolid (IV/PO), Daptomycin (IV), Telavancin (IV)

Non-continuous or low-grade blood culture positivity (1/4) usually indicates skin contamination, continuous high grade blood culture positivity (3/4-4/4) usually indicates intravascular infection, osteomyelitis, or abscess

# *Staphylococcus epidermidis* MSSE/MRSE CoNS, *S.lugdunensis*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Skin contaminant, Pathogen in CNS shunts

Blood: Skin contaminant, Pathogen from IV lines, Implants, Prosthetic valves endocarditis, rarely SBE)

Sputum: Colonizer

Urine: Colonizer

Wound: Colonizer and pathogen (infected foreign body drainage)

Therapy; **MSSE**: nafcillin, oxacillin

Therapy; **MRSE**: Linezolid, Daptomycin, Vancomycin, Quinopristin/Dalfopristin, Minocycline ( All IV)



*Staphylococcus epidermidis* MSSE/MRSE  
CoNS, *S.lugdunensis* ... Comments

Usually non-pathogenic in absence of prosthetic or implanted materials, common cause of prosthetic valve endocarditis (PVE), rare cause of Subacute bacterial endocarditis (SBE)

*S. lugdunensis* is CoNS but often misidentified as *S.aureus* due to clumping factor. But it is **pan sensitive to antibiotics**

# *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-pathogen

Blood: Non-pathogen

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Wound: Non-pathogen

**Urine: Pathogen (Cystitis)**

S.saprophyticus UTI is associated with urinary “fishy odor” (like bacterial vaginosis, alkaline pH, and microscopic hematuria, novobiocin resistant (CoNS)

Preferred Therapy: Amoxicillin (PO), Co-trimoxazole (PO), Nitrofurantoin (PO)

Alternate Therapy: Any quinolone (PO), any 1<sup>st</sup> generation cephalosporin

# ***Streptococcus pyogenes***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Skin contaminant

**Blood: Pathogen**

Sputum: Pathogen rare cause of CAP

Urine: Non-pathogen

Wound: Colonizer, Pathogen (cellulitis)

**Throat: Colonizer, Pathogen (Pharyngitis)**

Preferred Therapy: Amoxicillin (PO), Any beta lactam (IV/PO)

Alternate Therapy: Penicillin (PO), Clindamycin (for elimination)

# ***Streptococcus agalactiae* (GBS)**

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

**CSF : Pathogen**

**Blood: Pathogen (from urine source, skin)**

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Urine: Pathogen ( in Diabetics, elderly)

Wound: Colonizer, Pathogen (Diabetic foot infections)

**Throat: Pathogen (Pharyngitis) Colonizer, Pathogen**

**CNS: Neonatal meningitis**

Preferred Therapy: Any 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> gen cephalosporin (IV/PO),

CNS: Ceftriaxone(IV), Penicillin (IV)

SBE: Ceftriaxone(IV), Penicillin (IV), Vancomycin

Alternate Therapy: **SBE:** Meropenem (IV), Ertapenem (IV), linezolid (IV/PO)

Aminoglycosides and tetracyclines are ineffective

# ***Viridans Streptococcus***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

Blood: skin contaminant, Pathogen (SBE)

Sputum: Non-Pathogen

Urine: Non-Pathogen

Wound: Non-Pathogen

Throat: Non-Pathogen

Preferred Therapy: Ceftriaxone (IV), Any 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> gen cephalosporin (IV/PO)

Alternate Therapy: Amoxicillin, Meropenem, Ertapenem, Vancomycin (IV)

## *Viridans Streptococcus* ... Comments

1. Low grade blood culture positivity (1/4) indicates contamination during venepuncture
2. Continuous high-grade blood culture positivity (3/4-4/4) indicates SBE until proven otherwise
3. *S. anginosus*, *S. constellatus* prone to invasive disease, bacteremia and abscess formation

# *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

**CSF : Pathogen (ABM)**

**Blood: Pathogen** (from respiratory tract source)

Sputum: Colonizer, Pathogen

Urine: Non-Pathogen

**Wound: Pathogen** (cellulitis in SLE patient)

Throat: Non-Pathogen

Therapy; **MDRSP**- Respiratory quinolone (IV/PO), Telithromycin (PO), Ertapenem, Meropenem(IV), Cefepime(IV), Linezolid(IV/PO), Vancomycin (IV)

Penicillin resistant *S.pneumoniae* (**PRSP**) are still sensitive to full dose/ high dose Beta lactams.

**Alternate Therapy:** Doxycycline (IV/PO), any cephalosporin (IV/PO), Amoxy/Clauv (PO)

## *Streptococcus pneumoniae*... Comments

If possible avoid macrolides as >30% are resistant .

20-30% are naturally resistant and 10-15% acquire macrolide resistant.



# ***Neisseria meningitidis***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

**CSF : Pathogen (ABM)**

**Blood: Pathogen**

Sputum: Colonizer and Pathogen (only in closed populations e.g military recruits)

Urine: Colonizer, Pathogen (Urethritis rarely)

Wound: Non-Pathogen

Preferred Therapy: Amoxicillin (IV), Ampicillin (IV), Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Cephalosporin(IV)  
(Cefotaxime, Ceftriaxone)

Alternate Therapy: Chloramphenicol (IV/PO), Vancomycin, Cefepime,  
Meropenem



## 28.62 Treatment of bacterial meningitis of unknown cause (based on the British Infection Association Guideline 2016)\*

### 1. Adults aged less than 60 years

- Cefotaxime 2 g IV 4 times daily *or*
- Ceftriaxone 2 g IV twice daily

### 2. Patients in whom penicillin-resistant pneumococcal infection is suspected, or in areas with a significant incidence of penicillin resistance in the community

As for (1) but add:

- Vancomycin 15–20 mg/kg IV twice daily *or*
- Rifampicin 600 mg IV or orally twice daily

### 3. Adults aged > 60 years and those in whom *Listeria monocytogenes* infection is suspected (brainstem signs, immunosuppression, diabetic, alcohol misuser)

As for (1) but add:

- Ampicillin 2 g IV 6 times daily *or*
- Amoxicillin 2 g IV 6 times daily

### 4. Adults aged > 60 years, or with risk factors in (3) above, in areas with a significant incidence of penicillin resistance in the community

As for (2) but add:

- Ampicillin 2 g IV 6 times daily *or*
- Amoxicillin 2 g IV 6 times daily

### 5. Patients with a clear history of anaphylaxis to $\beta$ -lactams

- Chloramphenicol 25 mg/kg IV 4 times daily *plus*
  - Vancomycin 15–20 mg/kg IV twice daily
- If over the age of 60 years**, add: co-trimoxazole 10–20 mg/kg (of the trimethoprim component) in four divided doses

### 6. Adjunctive treatment (see text)

- Dexamethasone 10 mg 4 times daily for 2–4 days

**\*N.B.** Antibiotic recommendations depend on local epidemiology of organisms and antibiotic resistance. Local guidance should always be sought.

*British Infection Association Guideline in Journal of Infection 2016; 72:405–438.*



## 28.63 Chemotherapy of bacterial meningitis when the cause is known (based on the British Infection Association Guideline 2016)<sup>1</sup>

Pathogen	Regimen of choice	Alternative agents
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	Cefotaxime 2 g IV 4 times daily or ceftriaxone 2 g IV twice daily for 5–7 days	Benzylpenicillin 2.4 g IV 6 times daily <i>or</i> Chloramphenicol <sup>2,3</sup> 25 mg/kg 4 times daily for 5–7 days
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (sensitive to $\beta$ -lactams, MIC $\leq 0.06$ )	Cefotaxime 2 g IV 4 times daily or Ceftriaxone 2 g IV twice daily for 10–14 days	Chloramphenicol <sup>2,3</sup> 25mg/kg 4 times daily for 10–14 days
<i>Strep. pneumoniae</i> (resistant to $\beta$ -lactams)	As for sensitive strains but add: Vancomycin 15–20 mg/kg IV twice daily <i>or</i> Rifampicin 600mg IV twice daily for 14 days	Chloramphenicol <sup>3</sup> 25 mg/kg 4 times daily for 14 days
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	Cefotaxime 2 g IV 4 times daily or Ceftriaxone 2 g IV twice daily for 10 days	Moxifloxacin 400 mg daily for 10 days
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Amoxicillin 2 g IV 6 times daily for 21 days	Co-trimoxazole 10–20 mg/kg (of the trimethoprim component) daily in four divided doses for 21 days
<i>Streptococcus suis</i>	Cefotaxime 2 g IV 4 times daily or Ceftriaxone 2 g IV twice daily for 10–14 days	Chloramphenicol <sup>2,3</sup> 25 mg/kg 4 times daily for 10–14 days

<sup>1</sup>**N.B.** Antibiotic recommendations depend on local epidemiology of organisms and antibiotic resistance. Local guidance should always be sought. <sup>2</sup>For patients with a history of anaphylaxis to  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics. *British Infection Association Guideline in Journal of Infection 2016; 72:405–438.* <sup>3</sup>If the patient is recovering reduce the dose of chloramphenicol to 12.5 mg/kg to reduce the risk of dose-related anaemia. *From Erratum to reference in note 2.* (MIC = minimum inhibitory concentration)

## *Neisseria meningitidis... comments*

1. In ABM, do not decrease meningeal dose of Beta lactams as patient improves, since CSF penetration decreases as inflammation decreases
2. Chloramphenicol is excellent choice for penicillin allergic patients.
3. Oral quinolone (single dose) is preferred meningococcal prophylaxis. Alternate: Rifampicin for two days

# *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

Blood: Pathogen (from from pharyngitis, proctitis, ABE)

Sputum: Non-Pathogen

Urine: Pathogen (Urethritis)

Wound: Non-Pathogen

Urethral discharge: Pathogen (GC proctitis)

Preferred Therapy: PSNG: Ceftriaxone (IV/IM), Any quinolone (IV/IM)  
PRNG: Ceftriaxone (IV/IM)

Alternate Therapy: PSNG: Penicillin (IV/IM), Amoxicillin (PO), Doxycycline (IV/PO)  
PRNG: Spectinomycin (IM), Any quinolone (PO), Any cephalosporin (IV/PO)

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## 15.10 Treatment of uncomplicated anogenital gonorrhoea

### Uncomplicated anogenital or pharyngeal infection

- Ceftriaxone 1 g IM as a single dose
- Ciprofloxacin 500 mg orally as a single dose<sup>1,2</sup>

### Pregnancy and breastfeeding

- Ceftriaxone 1 g IM as a single dose
- Spectinomycin 2 g IM stat<sup>3</sup>

### Disseminated gonorrhoea

- Ceftriaxone 1 g IM or IV once daily or
- Cefotaxime 1 g IV 3 times daily
- Switched to an oral alternative according to sensitivities after 48 hrs and continued for 7 days

<sup>1</sup>Contraindicated in pregnancy and breastfeeding. <sup>2</sup>Only where nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) or culture-based sensitivity testing shows sensitivity at all sites. <sup>3</sup>Not routinely available. (IM = intramuscular; IV = intravenous)

## *Neisseria gonorrhoeae... comments*

1. Cause of "culture negative" right sided ABE, may be cultured from synovial fluid/blood in disseminated GC infection (arthritis-dermatitis syndrome)
2. Spectinomycin is ineffective against pharyngeal GC/incubating syphilis.
3. GC strains from Hawaii have increased Quinolone resistance; use cefexime or ceftriaxone
4. Treat possible Chlamydia co-infection and sexual partners.

# *Escherichia coli*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Pathogen (ABM)

Blood: Pathogen (from GI or GU source)

Sputum: Pathogen rarely (CAP, VAP)

Urine: uropathogen (CAB, Cystitis, pyelonephritis)

Wound: pathogen (cellulitis), Stool : Colonizer and Pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Cephalosporines 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> gen (IV/PO), Any Quinolone (IV/PO), Ceftriaxone (IV), Nitrofurantoin (PO- AUC or CAB)

Alternate Therapy; Aztronam (IV), gentamicin (IV), Co-trimoxazole (IV/PO)



Scenario	Drug	Regimen	Duration
<b>Cystitis</b>			
First choices	Trimethoprim Nitrofurantoin	200 mg twice daily 50 mg 4 times daily	3 days
Second choices <sup>1</sup>	Cefalexin Ciprofloxacin Pivmecillinam	250 mg 4 times daily 250 mg twice daily 400 mg 3 times daily	
In pregnancy	Nitrofurantoin Cefalexin	50 mg 4 times daily 250 mg 4 times daily	7 days
<b>Prophylactic therapy</b>			
First choice Second choice <sup>1</sup>	Trimethoprim Nitrofurantoin	100 mg at night 50 mg at night	Continuous
<b>Pyelonephritis</b>			
First choices	Cefalexin Ciprofloxacin	1 g 4 times daily 500 mg twice daily	14 days 7 days
Second choices	Gentamicin <sup>2</sup> Cefuroxime	Adjust dose according to renal function and serum levels 750–1500 mg 3 times daily	14 days
<b>Epididymo-orchitis</b>			
Young men Older men	Ciprofloxacin Ciprofloxacin	100 mg twice daily 500 mg twice daily	14 days
<b>Acute prostatitis</b>			
First choice Second choice	Ciprofloxacin Trimethoprim	500 mg twice daily 200 mg twice daily	14 days

## *Escherichia coli* ....Comments

1. It is very common pathogen usually from GI/GU source

2. Many strains are resistant to 1<sup>st</sup> gen cephalosporins

3. MDR/ESBL positive Esch coli are treated with a carbapenem.

4. Esco coli Carbapenem resistant strains are susceptible to Tigecycline, Colistin, Polymyxin B, Ceftazidim/Avibactam, Nitrofurantoin, Fosfomycin (UTI)

**Preferred Therapy for CRE:** 1. Tigecycline 2. Minocycline 3. Ceftazidim/Avibactam 4. Meropenem/Vaborbactam, 5. Imipenem/Relebactam 6. Aztronam/Avibactam

**Alternate Therapy for CRE:** 1. Colistin 2. Aztreonam, 3. Plazomicin 4. Amikacin 5. Cefiderocol 6. Nitrofurantoin (UTI) 7. Fosfomycin (UTI)

# ***Enterococcus faecium (VRE)***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-pathogen, Except V-P shunts

Blood: Skin contaminant, Pathogen from GI/GU source, SBE)

Sputum: Colonizer

Urine: Colonizer, Pathogen (UTIs)

Wound: Colonizer, Non-pathogen

Therapy; Non-SBE: Linezolid (IV/PO), Quinopristin/Dalfopristin (IV), Doxycycline (IV/PO), Minocycline (IV/PO) Tigecycline (IV), Daptomycin (IV), Nitrofurantoin, Fosfomycin

Therapy; SBE: Linezolid (IV/PO), Quinopristin/Dalfopristin (IV), Daptomycin (IV),

## 16.96 Antimicrobial treatment of common causative organisms in infective endocarditis

Antimicrobial susceptibility	Antimicrobial	Dose	Duration	
			Native valve	Prosthetic valve
<b>Streptococci</b>				
Penicillin MIC $\leq$ 0.125 mg/L	Benzylpenicillin IV	1.2 g 6 times daily	4 weeks <sup>1</sup>	6 weeks
Penicillin MIC $>$ 0.125, $\leq$ 0.5 mg/L	Benzylpenicillin IV and gentamicin IV	2.4 g 6 times daily	4 weeks	6 weeks
		1 mg/kg twice daily <sup>2</sup>	2 weeks	2 weeks
Penicillin MIC $>$ 0.5 mg/L	Vancomycin IV and gentamicin IV	1 g twice daily <sup>3</sup>	4 weeks	6 weeks
		1 mg/kg twice daily <sup>2</sup>	4 weeks	6 weeks
<b>Enterococci</b>				
Amoxicillin MIC $\leq$ 4 mg/L and gentamicin MIC $\leq$ 128 mg/L	Amoxicillin IV and gentamicin IV <sup>2</sup>	2 g 6 times daily	4 weeks	6 weeks
		1 mg/kg twice daily <sup>2</sup>	4 weeks	6 weeks
Amoxicillin MIC $>$ 4 mg/L and gentamicin MIC $\leq$ 128 mg/L	Vancomycin IV and gentamicin IV <sup>2</sup>	1 g twice daily <sup>3</sup>	4 weeks	6 weeks
		1 mg/kg twice daily <sup>2</sup>	4 weeks	6 weeks
<b>Staphylococci – native valve</b>				
Meticillin-sensitive	Flucloxacillin IV	2 g 4–6 times daily <sup>4</sup>	4 weeks	–
Meticillin-resistant, vancomycin MIC $\leq$ 2 mg/L, rifampicin-sensitive	Vancomycin IV	1 g twice daily <sup>3</sup>	4 weeks	–
	Rifampicin orally	300–600 mg twice daily	4 weeks	–
<b>Staphylococci – prosthetic valve</b>				
Meticillin-sensitive	Flucloxacillin IV	2 g 4–6 times daily	–	6 weeks
	and gentamicin IV	1 mg/kg twice daily <sup>2</sup>	–	6 weeks
	and rifampicin orally	300–600 mg twice daily	–	6 weeks
Meticillin-resistant, vancomycin MIC $\leq$ 2 mg/L, rifampicin-sensitive	Vancomycin IV	1 g twice daily <sup>3</sup>	–	6 weeks
	and rifampicin orally	300–600 mg twice daily	–	6 weeks

# *Enterococcus faecium (VRE) ...Comments*

1. Colonization is common; infection less common

2. Fecal carriage is intermittent but prolonged

3. Increased prevalence of E.fecalis VRE with Vanomycin IV us but not PO

4. Nitrofurantoin preferred for VRE Lower UTI & CAB

# ***Enterococcus faecalis* (VSE)**

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-pathogen, Except V-P shunts

Blood: Skin contaminant, Pathogen from GI/GU source, SBE)

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Urine: Colonizer, Pathogen (Cystitis, pyelonephritis)

Wound: Colonizer, Non-pathogen

Therapy; Non-SBE: Ampicillin, Amoxicillin, Meropenem, Piperacillin/Tazobactam, Linezolid (IV/PO), Tigecycline (IV), Daptomycin (IV), Nitrofurantoin, Fosfomicin

Therapy; **SBE**: Gentamicin+Ampicillin (IV), Meropenem, Linezolid (IV/PO), Piperacillin/Tazobactam

## *Enterococcus faecalis* (VSE)...Comments

1. Sensitive to **Ampicillin but not penicillin**
2. Cause Endocarditis, hepatobilliary infections and UTI
3. Cefoperazone is the is the only cephalosporin with Anti VSE activity

# ***Acinetobacter spp.***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Contaminant from skin, Pathogen (ABM 2 to CNS shunts)

**Blood: Pathogen** (from IV line, lung, urine source)

Sputum: Colonizer, Pathogen ( only with VAP outbreak)

**Urine: Colonizer and uropathogen** (CAB)

Wound: Colonizer (common skin and ulcer colonizer)

Preferred Therapy; Minocycline (IV/PO), Carbapenem (IV), Ampicillin/Sublactam (IV), Tigecycline, Colistin (IV), Amikacin

Alternate Therapy; **Cephalosporines 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> gen (IV) ( Except Ceftazidim), Cefepime (IV), Aztreonam (IV), Fosfomycin (only cystitis/CAB)**



## *Acinetobacter spp....* Comments

1. Colonization is common and infection is uncommon, if possible avoid treating *Acinetobacter*.
2. Common colonizer of respiratory secretions or urine.
3. Occurs in outbreaks of VAP
4. Use meropenem for MDR susceptible isolates,
5. Colistin, Polymyxin B, Tigecycline, Minocycline or Doripenem usually effective.

# ***Klebsiella pneumoniae, oxytoca***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Pathogen (ABM)

Blood: Pathogen (from respiratory, GI, GU source)

Sputum: Colonizer, Pathogen ( CAP/VAP)

Urine: Colonizer and uropathogen (CAB)

Wound: Colonizer and pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Tigecycline (IV), Carbapenem (IV)

Alternate Therapy; Cephalosporines 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> gen (IV) ( Except Ceftazidim),  
Quinolone (IV/PO), Aztreonam (IV), Cefepime (IV)



## 17.41 Antibiotic treatment for community-acquired pneumonia (CAP)<sup>1</sup>

### Low severity CAP (CURB-65 score 0–1)

- Amoxicillin 500 mg 3 times daily orally (or IV if necessary<sup>2</sup>)

### If patient is allergic to penicillin

- Doxycycline 200 mg loading dose then 100 mg/day orally *or* clarithromycin 500 mg twice daily orally

### Moderate severity CAP (CURB-65 score 2)

- Amoxicillin 500 mg–1 g 3 times daily orally (or IV if oral medication not possible<sup>2</sup>) *or* benzylpenicillin 1.2 g 4 times daily IV
- *plus* clarithromycin 500 mg twice daily orally/IV

### If patient is allergic to penicillin

- Doxycycline 200 mg loading dose then 100 mg/day orally *or* levofloxacin 500 mg/day orally

### Severe CAP (CURB-65 score 3–5)

- Co-amoxiclav 1.2 g 3 times daily IV *or* cefuroxime 1.5 g 3 times daily IV *or* ceftriaxone 1–2 g daily IV
- *plus* clarithromycin 500 mg twice daily IV
- *or* benzylpenicillin 1.2 g 4 times daily IV *plus* levofloxacin 500 mg twice daily IV

### If *Legionella* is strongly suspected

- Consider adding levofloxacin 500 mg twice daily IV

## 17.44 Antibiotics for adults aged 18 years and over with hospital-acquired pneumonia

### Antibiotic

**First-choice oral antibiotic for non-severe symptoms or signs and not at higher risk of resistance<sup>1</sup>**

Co-amoxiclav

**Alternative oral antibiotics for non-severe symptoms or signs and not at higher risk of resistance, if penicillin allergy or if co-amoxiclav unsuitable<sup>2</sup>**

Options include:

Doxycycline

Cefalexin (caution in penicillin allergy)

Co-trimoxazole

Levofloxacin (only if switching from IV levofloxacin with specialist advice; consider safety issues)

**First-choice IV antibiotics if severe symptoms or signs (e.g. of sepsis) or at higher risk of resistance. Review IV antibiotics by 48 hrs and consider switching to oral antibiotics as above for a total of 5 days then review<sup>2</sup>**

Options include:

Piperacillin with tazobactam

Ceftazidime

Ceftriaxone

Cefuroxime

Meropenem

Ceftazidime with avibactam

Levofloxacin (consider safety issues)

**Antibiotics to be added if suspected or confirmed MRSA infection (dual therapy with an IV antibiotic listed above)**

Vancomycin

Teicoplanin

Linezolid (if vancomycin cannot be used; specialist advice only)

## *Klebsiella pneumoniae, oxytoca...* Comments

1. Co-trimoxazole may be ineffective in systemic infection.
2. Antipseudomonal penicillins have limited activity
3. *Klebsiella* is usually susceptible to carbapenems.
4. CRE are susceptible to Tigecycline, Colistin, Polymyxin B, Ceftazidim/avibactam, fosfomycin
5. NDM -1 metallo beta lactamases are are carbapenem resistant and usually susceptible to Colistin, Tigecycline.

# *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

**Blood: Pathogen** (from respiratory, GU source)

Sputum: Colonizer (**usually**), **Pathogen** ( Rarely indicates VAP)

**Urine: Colonizer and Pathogen** (from urologic instrumentation )

Wound: Colonizer (almost always)

Stool : Non-pathogen

Preferred Therapy; **Monotherapy**: Ceftazidim, Meropenem (IV), Cefepime (IV)  
Combination therapy: Meropenem (IV) plus either Cefepime (IV) or Amikacin

Alternate Therapy; Doripenem (IV) Amikacin (IV), Aztreonam (IV), Colistin (IV)

## *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*...Comments

1. Colonization common ; infection uncommon, avoid treating *Ps. aeruginosa* in ventilated patients unless tracheobronchitis.
2. For serious systemic infection double therapy is preferred.
3. All double drug therapy are equally effective .
4. If MDR *Ps aeruginosa* is meropenem resistant, treat with Colistin, polymyxin B, Doripenem or Ceftazidim/avibactam

# ***Burkholderia cepacia***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

Blood: Pathogen (from IV line /UTI)

Sputum: Colonizer (usually), Not a cause of VAP)

Urine: Colonizer

Wound: Non-pathogen

Stool : Non-pathogen

Preferred Therapy; **TMP-SMX (IV/PO), Minocycline (IV/PO), Meropenem (IV)**

Alternate Therapy; Respiratory quinolone (IV/PO), Chloramphenicol, Cefepime (IV)



## *Burkholderia cepacia* ...Comments

1. Common Colonizer of ulcers, body fluids and wounds
2. Opportunistic pathogen in Cystic fibrosis/ bronchiectasis.
3. Resistant to aminoglycosides, colistin, and polymyxin B
4. Resistant to aminoglycosides, colistin, and polymyxin B

# ***Burkholderia pseudomallei***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

Blood: Pathogen (from septicemic melioidosis)

Sputum: Pathogen (chronic cavitary pneumonia)

Urine: Non-pathogen

Wound: Non-pathogen

Stool : Non-pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Imipenem (IV), Meropenem (IV), ceftazidim (IV),  
Doxycycline (IV/PO)

Alternate Therapy; TMP-SMX (IV/PO), Amoxicillin/Clavulanic acid (PO)

## *Burkholderia pseudomallei* ...Comments

1. Acute melioidosis (Septicemia/cavitary CAP) endemic in SE Asia
2. Chronic melioidosis resembles reactivation of TB but has lower lobe distribution. Prolonged latency until reactivation years later, slow response to effective therapy (1-2 weeks)
3. Prolonged therapy needed to prevent relapse >3 months
4. Oxidase positive resistant to penicillin, aminoglycosides and **colistin**.

# *Campylobacter jejuni*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-pathogen

Blood: Pathogen (from GI source)

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Urine: Non-pathogen

Stool : Pathogen (Diarrhea)

Wound: Non-pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Erythromycin (PO), Doxycycline (IV/PO), Any quinolone (IV/PO),

Alternate Therapy; Azithromycin (PO), Clarithromycin XL(PO)

## *Campylobacter jejuni*...Comments

1. Commonest cause of antibacterial diarrhea resistant TMP-SMX
2. Requires special media and environment and 42<sup>0</sup>C incubation.

# ***Enterobacter sp.***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : skin contaminant, pathogen (from NS procedure)

Blood: skin contaminant, pathogen (from IV line/UTI)

Sputum: Colonizer (Not pneumonia)

Urine: Colonizer, pathogen (from urologic instrumentation)

Stool : Non-Pathogen

Wound: Colonizer, pathogen (rarely in compromised host)

Preferred Therapy; Any carbapenem (IV)

Alternate Therapy; Any quinolone (IV/PO), Aztreonam (IV),  
Piperacillin/Tazobactam (IV), Cefepime (IV)

## *Enterobacter spp.* ...Comments

1. Not a cause of CAP or VAP

2. Common colonizer of Resp and UT

3. Enterobacter CRE usually susceptible to Tigecycline, Colistin, Polymyxin B, ceftazidim/avibactam, fosfomycin.

# ***Haemophilus influenzae ...***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Pathogen (ABM)

Blood: pathogen (from respiratory tract or cardiac source))

Sputum: Colonizer , pathogen (CAP)

Urine: Non-Pathogen

Stool : Non-Pathogen

Wound: pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Any 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> gen cephalosporin (IV/PO), any quinolone (IV/PO), Doxycycline (IV/PO)

Alternate Therapy; Chloraphenicol (IV), TMP-SMX (IV/PO), Azithromycin (PO), Ampicillin resistant strains- Meropenem (IV) Impipenem, Ertapenem, cefepime (IV), Aztreonam (IV)



## *Haemophilus influenzae* .... Comments

1. 1<sup>st</sup> gen cephalosporins, erythromycin and claythromycin have limited ant *H.influenzae* activity. Doxycycline and azithromycin are better
2. Common colonizer of Resp tract
3. Rarely a cause of "culture negative" SBE

# ***Serratia marcescenes***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Pathogen (from NS procedures)

Blood: pathogen (from IV line or urinary source)

Sputum: Colonizer , pathogen (rarely in VAP)

Urine: Colonizer, pathogen (from urologic instrumentation)

Stool : Non-Pathogen

Wound: Colonizer, pathogen (rare)

Preferred Therapy; any 3<sup>rd</sup> gen cephalosporin (IV/PO), Any quinolone (IV/PO),  
Cefepime (IV)

Alternate Therapy; Any carbapenem (IV), Gentamicin (IV)  
Aztreonam (IV), Piperacillin/Tazobactam (IV),

## *Serratia marcescenes*...Comments

1. Enterobacteriaceae Associated with water source
2. Common colonizer of Resp secretions and urine in ICU. *Serratia* nosocomial pneumonia are rare.
3. Cause of septic arthritis, osteomyelitis and SBE (IV drug users)
4. Gentamicin has highest anti-serratia activity

# *Helicobacter pylori*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

**Blood:** Non-Pathogen

Sputum: Non-Pathogen

Urine: Non-Pathogen

Stool : Non-Pathogen

Wound: Non-Pathogen

Preferred Therapy; PPI (PO) plus two antibiotics from Clarithromycin/  
Amoxicillin/ Metronidazole (PO)

Alternate Therapy; Doxycycline (PO) plus Metronidazole (PO) plus Bismuth  
subsalicylate

# ***Salmonella typhi, nontyphi***

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-Pathogen

Blood: Pathogen (from GI source)

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Urine: Pathogen (only with enteric fever)

Wound: Non-pathogen

Stool : Colonizer (Carrier)

Preferred Therapy; Any Quinolone (IV/PO), Any 3<sup>rd</sup> gen cephalosporin (IV)  
(Ceftraixone, Cefotaxime), Azithromycin

Alternate Therapy; Co-trimixazole (IV/PO)

## ***Salmonella typhi, nontyphi... comments***

1. Carrier state is best eliminated by Quinolone for 4 weeks

2. If drug therapy fails to eliminate carrier state, look for hepatic/bladder calculi for persistent focus

3. Many strains are resistant ampicillin, Chloramphenicol, Co-trimoxazole

# *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Colonizer, Pathogen( from NS procedure)

Blood: Skin contaminant, Pathogen (from IV line & GU source)

Sputum: Colonizer (not VAP)

Urine: Colonizer, Pathogen( from urologic instrumentation)

Wound: Colonizer, Pathogen(rarely in compromised persons)

Stool : Non-pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Co-trimoxazole, Tigecycline, Minocycline,  
Ceftazidim/avibactam, Cefolozane/tazobactam (IV)

Alternate Therapy; Doxycycline (IV/PO), Respiratory quinolone (IV/PO)

# Table 1

## *S. maltophilia*-associated infections

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<b>Infection</b>
Pneumonia
Acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Bloodstream, bacteremia
Soft tissue and skin
Cellulitis/myositis
Osteomyelitis
Catheter-related bacteremia/septicemia
Meningitis
Endophthalmitis/keratitis/scleritis of the eye; dacryocystitis
Endocarditis
Urinary tract infection
Biliary sepsis

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## *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*... comments

1. Common colonizers of wounds, urine and respiratory secretions
2. Potential pulmonary pathogen in bronchiectasis/cystic fibrosis
3. Resistant to carbapenems and aminoglycosides.
4. Susceptible to Chloramphenicol, Rifampicin, Colistin, Polymyxin B,

# *Clostridium difficile*

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Non-pathogen

Blood: Pathogen (rarely from GI source)

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Urine: Non-pathogen

Wound: Non-pathogen

Stool : Colonizer (normal fecal flora) Pathogen (diarrhea/colitis)

Preferred Therapy; Diarrhea: Vancomycin (PO), Nitazoxanide, Fidaxomicin  
Colitis: Metronidazole (IV/PO), Tigecycline

Alternate Therapy; Diarrhea: Metronidazole (IV/PO),  
Colitis: Nitazoxanide (PO)

# ***Clostridium difficile... comments***

- 1. C.difficile diarrhea-** PO Vancomycin preferred. PO vancomycin is more effective than PO metronidazole. Nitazoxanide also highly effective
2. PO metronidazole not PO vancomycin increases prevalence of VRE.
- 3. C.difficile colitis-** Use IV or PO metronidazole (IV vancomycin not effective). Nitazoxanide (PO) or Tigecycline also effective.
4. Diagnose **C.difficile diarrhea** by stool C.difficile **toxin assay** and **Colitis**  
Abdominal CT scan/colonoscopy

# ***Bacteroides fragilis* group**

Site of Isolation with clinical significance

CSF : Pathogen (meningitis from *S. stercoralis* hyperinfection)

Blood: Pathogen (pelvic source)

Sputum: Non-pathogen

Urine: Non-pathogen, pathogen only from colonic fistula

Wound: Non-pathogen

Stool : Non-pathogen

Preferred Therapy; Tigecycline, piperacillin/Tazobactam, carbapenem

Alternate Therapy; Ampicillin/sublactam, Clindamycin, Metronidazole plus ceftriaxone or Levofloxacin

## *Bacteroides fragilis* .... comments

1. Major anaerobe below diaphragm
2. Usually part of polymicrobial lower intra-abdominal and pelvic infections.

**Adults with non-localised disease**

- Doxycycline 100 mg twice daily orally for 6 weeks *plus* gentamicin 5 mg/kg IV once daily for 7 days  
*or*
- Doxycycline 100 mg twice daily *plus* rifampicin 600–900 mg orally once daily for 6 weeks

**Bone disease**

- Doxycycline 100 mg twice daily *plus* rifampicin 600–900 mg once daily orally for 6 weeks *plus* gentamicin 5 mg/kg IV once daily for 7 days  
*or*
- Ciprofloxacin 750 mg twice daily orally *plus* rifampicin 600–900 mg orally once daily for 3 months

**Neurobrucellosis**

- Doxycycline 100 mg twice daily *plus* rifampicin 600–900 mg orally once daily for 6 weeks *plus* ceftriaxone 2 g IV twice daily until the cerebrospinal fluid is clear (though susceptibility should be confirmed because sensitivity to third-generation cephalosporins varies among strains)

**Endocarditis**

- Almost always needs surgical intervention  
*plus*
- Doxycycline 100 mg twice daily, rifampicin 600–900 mg orally once daily and co-trimoxazole 5 mg/kg of trimethoprim component for 6 months *plus* gentamicin 5 mg/kg IV once daily for 2–4 weeks

**Pregnancy**

- Rifampicin 600–900 mg orally once daily and co-trimoxazole 5 mg/kg of trimethoprim component for 4 weeks, but caution in last week of pregnancy due to displacement of bilirubin from albumin by drugs and risk of kernicterus to the fetus

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