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| Upper Respiratory Tract Infections <i>Treating your infection-RTI PIL RCGP</i> | | |
| Influenza: PHE Influenza NICE Influenza (prophylaxis) | | |
| Acute Sore Throat NICE sore throat FeverPAIN <i>Avoid antibiotics where possible</i> | | |
| 1 st choice | Penicillin V | 500mg QDS OR 1g BD |
| Penicillin allergy | Clarithromycin | 250mg BD OR 500mg BD if severe |
| Pregnant + allergy | Erythromycin | 250-500mg QDS or 500mg-1g BD |
| Acute Otitis Externa CKS OE Use analgesia as well. For topical 1st line treatments- see full guideline | | |
| If cellulitis | Flucloxacillin 250mg QDS OR 500mg QDS if severe | 7 days |
| Acute Rhinosinusitis NICE RTIs NICE sinusitis <i>Avoid antibiotics if possible, Use adequate analgesia first</i> | | |
| 1 st choice | Penicillin V | 500mg QDS |
| Penicillin allergy | Doxycycline OR Clarithromycin | 200mg 1st dose then 100mg once daily 500mg BD (use erythromycin if pregnant) |
| Unwell/worsening | Co-amoxiclav | 625mg TDS |
| Scarlet Fever PHE <i>NB Notifiable Disease Avon HPA: 0117900620 PHE South West 0300 303 8162</i> | | |
| 1 st choice | Penicillin V | 500mg QDS |
| Penicillin allergy | Clarithromycin | 250-500mg BD |
| Lower Respiratory Tract Infections: <i>Treating your infection-RTI PIL RCGP</i> | | |
| Acute Cough / Bronchitis NICE NG120 NICE 69 RCGP CKS <i>Further treatment options in full guidance</i> | | |
| 1 st choice | Doxycycline | 200mg 1st dose then 100mg OD |
| Alternative | Amoxicillin | 500mg TDS |
| Acute exacerbation COPD Gold NICE COPD exacerbation *send sputum sample & check cultures if used | | |
| 1 st choice | Doxycycline | 200mg 1st dose, then 100mg OD |
| 1 st choice | Amoxicillin | 500mg TDS |
| 1 st choice | Clarithromycin | 500mg BD |
| If risk of resistance | Co-amoxiclav 625mg(500/125)TDS OR Co-trimoxazole 960mg BD* | 5 days |
| Community Acquired Pneumonia NICE Pneumonia CG191 2014 | | |
| CRB65 = 0: Amoxicillin 500mg TDS OR (if penicillin allergic) Clarithromycin 500mg BD OR Doxycycline 200mg 1 st dose, then 100mg OD For 5 days. Extend to 7-10 days if poor response. CRB65 =1,2 & AT HOME: Clinically assess need for dual therapy for atypicals Amoxicillin 500mg TDS AND Clarithromycin 500mg BD for OR Doxycycline alone 200mg 1 st dose, then 100mg OD 7-10 days | | |
| Bronchiectasis NICE bronchiectasis (continued in next column) | | |
| 1 st choice option | Doxycycline | 200mg 1st dose, then 100mg OD |
| 1 st choice option | Amoxicillin | 500mg TDS (preferred option in pregnancy) |

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| Bronchiectasis continued: | | |
| 1 st choice option | Clarithromycin | 500mg BD |
| If risk of resistance (or seek micro advice) | Co-amoxiclav | 625mg TDS |
| Gastro-intestinal Tract Infections: Clostridium difficile PHE See full guidance for antibiotic options | | |
| Urinary Tract Infections: <i>Encourage hydration. Culture in all treatment failures and patients at increased resistance risk. ALWAYS safety net and consider risks for resistance. Give TARGET UTI PIL and self care advice. Diagnosis of UTIs: Refer to PHE UTI guidance algorithm for diagnosis information</i> | | |
| Uncomplicated UTI: PHE URINE , RCGP UTI clinical module | | |
| 1 st line: Nitrofurantoin 100mg m/r BD | | } 7 days men 3 days women |
| If low risk of resistance: Trimethoprim 200mg BD | | |
| If 1 st line options unsuitable: | | } 7 days men 3 days women |
| If eGFR<45ml/min & NOT penicillin allergic: Pivmecillinam (400mg 1 st dose then 200mg TDS). | | |
| If high risk of resistance or penicillin allergy: Fosfomycin 3g STAT in women. In men also give a 2 nd 3g dose 3 days later (unlicensed) | | |
| If organism susceptible: amoxicillin 500mg TDS (7 days men, 3 days women) | | |
| Acute Pyelonephritis NICE acute pyelonephritis <i>Send sample for culture</i> | | |
| 1 st choice | Cefalexin | 500mg BD-TDS (1-1.5g TDS-QDS if severe) |
| If culture results available & susceptible | Co-amoxiclav | 625mg (500/125) TDS |
| | Trimethoprim | 200mg BD |
| | Ciprofloxacin | 500mg BD (consider safety issues) |
| Recurrent U.T.I. in non-pregnant women <i>Encourage hydration TARGET UTI</i> | | |
| Nitrofurantoin 100mg STAT when exposed to trigger OR 50-100mg ON OR | | Use STAT regimen 1 st line. Only use DAILY regimen if STAT regimen fails. |
| Trimethoprim 200mg STAT when exposed to trigger OR 100mg ON | | |
| 2 nd line | Amoxicillin 500mg STAT when exposed to trigger OR 250mg ON | Review within 6/12. |
| 2 nd line | Cefalexin 500mg STAT when exposed to trigger OR 125mg ON | |
| UTI in pregnancy PHE | | |
| 1 st choice (avoid at term) | Nitrofurantoin | 100mg m/r BD |
| 1 st choice if susceptible | Amoxicillin | 500mg TDS |
| 2 nd choice | Cefalexin | 500mg BD |
| Acute Prostatitis (Where STI not expected) <i>Send MSU for culture NICE acute prostatitis</i> | | |
| 1 st choice | Ciprofloxacin 500mg BD OR Ofloxacin 200mg BD (There are safety issues with quinolones but they are appropriate to use in prostatitis) | 14 days then review. Cont. for further 14 days if needed |
| 2 nd choice | Trimethoprim 200mg BD | |

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| UTI (catheter associated) NICE (catheter) | | | |
| 1 st line: LOWER UTI | Nitrofurantoin (if eGFR >45ml/min) | 100mg M/R BD | 7 days |
| | Trimethoprim (if low risk of resistance) | 200mg BD | 7 days |
| | Amoxicillin (if culture results available & susceptible) | 500mg TDS | 7 days |
| 2 nd line | Pivmecillinam (no upper UTI symptoms, no pen allergy) | 400mg STAT then 200mg TDS | 7 days |
| 1 st line: UPPER UTI <i>If culture results avail. & susceptible</i> | Cefalexin | 500mg BD-TDS (up to 1-1.5g TDS or QDS if severe) | 7-10 days |
| | Co-amoxiclav | 500/125mg TDS | 7-10 days |
| | Trimethoprim | 200mg BD | 14 days |
| | Ciprofloxacin (consider safety issues) | 500mg BD | 7 days |
| Genital Tract Infections: | | | |
| Chlamydia trachomatis (Treat partner(s) and consider other STDs) BASHH, CKS | | | |
| 1 st choice | Doxycycline 100mg BD for 7 days | | |
| 2 nd choice | Azithromycin 1g stat then 500mg once daily for 2 days | | |
| Pregnant/Breast Feeding | Azithromycin 1g (off-label use) STAT then 500mg once daily for 2 days OR Erythromycin 500mg QDS 7 days or 500mg BD for 14 days OR Amoxicillin 500mg TDS 7 days | | |
| Epididymitis: Low STI risk | Ofloxacin 200mg BD 14 days OR Doxycycline 100mg BD 10-14 days | | |
| Chlamydia trachomatis / Urethritis High Risk refer to local GUM Clinic. STI Screening: BASHH | | | |
| Vaginal candidiasis BASHH, CKS | | | |
| 1 st choice | Fluconazole 150mg oral OR Clotrimazole (10% vaginal cream OR 500mg pessary) | Stat | |
| Pregnant | Clotrimazole 100mg pessary ON 6 nights | | |
| Bacterial Vaginosis BASHH | | | |
| 1 st choice | Metronidazole 400mg BD (OR 2g oral stat) | 7 days | |
| 1 st choice | Metronidazole vaginal gel 0.75% 5g PV at night (ON) | 5 days | |
| 1 st choice | Clindamycin 2% cream 5g PV at night (ON) | 7 days | |
| Trichomonas (Treat partners) BASHH | | | |
| 1 st choice | Metronidazole 400mg BD (OR 2g oral stat- <i>but has more adverse effects</i>) | 5-7 days | |
| Pregnancy | Clotrimazole 100mg pessary ON for symptomatic relief only if MTZ declined. | | |
| Pelvic Inflammatory Disease BASHH See full guidance for antibiotic regimen. | | | |
| 1 st choice | Low risk Metronidazole 400mg BD AND Ofloxacin 400mg BD (safety issues) | 14 days | |

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| Skin Infections: | | | |
| Mastitis: Lactating Women See CKS . If not urgent <i>simple analgesia, warm compresses, continue feeding (or express)</i> . If infected nipple fissure, or symptoms not improved after 12-24 hours then: | | | |
| 1 st choice | Flucloxacillin | 500 mg QDS | 10-14 days. |
| Penicillin allergic | Erythromycin 250-500mg QDS OR Clarithromycin 500mg BD | | 10-14 days. |
| Cellulitis CKS | | | |
| 1 st choice | Flucloxacillin | 500mg QDS | 7 days. If slow response continue for further 7 days |
| Penicillin allergic | Clarithromycin 500mg BD | | |
| Pen allergy + statin | Doxycycline 200mg stat then 100mg OD | | |
| Unresolving | Clindamycin 300mg QDS | | |
| Facial cellulitis | Co-amoxiclav | 625mg (500/125) TDS (NOT if pen allergic) | |
| Leg Ulcers PHE CKS <i>Ulcers always colonized. Only for active infection. Send pre-treatment swab</i> | | | |
| 1 st choice | Flucloxacillin | 500mg QDS | As for cellulitis |
| Penicillin allergic | Clarithromycin 500mg BD | | |
| Animal / Human bites (treatment OR prophylaxis) (consider tetanus) CKS <i>Irrigate wound thoroughly</i> | | | |
| Cat / Dog / Human | Co-amoxiclav | 375mg (250/125) - 625mg (500/125) TDS | 7 days |
| Pen allergy: Animal bite | Metronidazole 400mg TDS AND Doxycycline 100mg BD* | | 7 days |
| Pen allergy: Human bite | Metronidazole 400mg TDS AND Clarithromycin 250-500mg BD* | | 7 days |
| * REVIEW at 24-48hrs as not all pathogens covered with this regimen. | | | |
| Impetigo PHE | | | |
| 1 st choice | Flucloxacillin | 250-500mg QDS | 7 days |
| Penicillin allergy | Clarithromycin 250mg - 500mg BD | | 7 days |
| Localised lesions | Fusidic Acid 2% cream/ ointment | | Topically TDS (thinly). 5 days |
| MRSA | Mupirocin 2% ointment | | Topically TDS 5 days |
| Lyme Disease: NICE NG95 2018 See full guidance for treatment options | | | |
| Scabies NHS Scabies | | | |
| Permethrin 5% cream or Malathion (permethrin allergy) 0.5% liquid topically 2 applications 7 day apart | | | |
| Herpes Zoster (shingles): CKS | | | |
| 1 st choice | Aciclovir | 800mg five times a day | 7 days |
| 2 nd Choice (compliance) | Valaciclovir | 1g TDS (use 500mg tablets ONLY) | 7 days |
| Eye Infections: Conjunctivitis CKS <i>Mostly viral & self-limiting treat ONLY if severe (avail. OTC)</i> | | | |
| 1 st choice | Chloramphenicol | Eye drops 0.5% 2hrly reducing to TDS-QDS OR 1% Eye Oint. Nocte | |