

2018 Allina Health Adult Inpatient Antibiotic Reference Guide

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Respiratory – Pneumonia

Condition	First Line Therapy	Second Line Therapy	Notes
Community-acquired pneumonia	Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h PLUS Azithromycin 500 mg PO/IV q24h	1) Levofloxacin 750 mg PO/IV q24h 2) Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h PLUS Doxycycline 100 mg PO/IV q12h 3) Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h PLUS Azithromycin 500 mg IV q24h – pregnancy AND cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceftriaxone + doxycycline for patients with concern for prolonged QTc • Levofloxacin for patients with a cephalosporin allergy • Consider adding vancomycin for MRSA if: necrotizing/cavitary infiltrates, empyema, or requires ICU admission • Duration of treatment should be a minimum of 5 days. Patient should be afebrile for 48-72 hours before discontinuation of therapy.
Hospital-acquired pneumonia • Pneumonia not incubating at the time of hospital admission, occurring ≥48 hours after admission, and not associated with mechanical ventilation	Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose <i>Double antipseudomonal/gram-negative coverage criteria met*:</i> Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV q8h OR Ciprofloxacin 750 mg PO q12h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose <i>Double antipseudomonal/gram-negative coverage criteria met*:</i> Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h PLUS Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV q8h OR Ciprofloxacin 750 mg PO q12h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imipenem-cilastatin if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy • Aminoglycoside for patients with concern for prolonged QTc • 7 days of antibiotic therapy recommended • *Double antipseudomonal/gram-negative coverage with two agents from a different class (β-Lactam + non- β-Lactam) if: IV antibiotic use within 90 days, septic shock, ventilatory support required due to HAP, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis
Ventilator-associated pneumonia • Pneumonia occurring >48 hours after endotracheal intubation	Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose <i>Double antipseudomonal/gram-negative coverage criteria met*:</i> Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose <i>Double antipseudomonal/gram-negative coverage criteria met*:</i> Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h PLUS Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imipenem-cilastatin if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy • Aminoglycoside for patients with concern for prolonged QTc • 7 days of antibiotic therapy recommended • *Double antipseudomonal/gram-negative coverage with two agents from a different class (β-Lactam + non- β-Lactam): if IV abx use within 90 days, septic shock, ARDS preceding VAP, ≥5 days hospitalization prior to VAP, acute renal replacement therapy prior to VAP, unit where >10% of gram-negative isolates are resistant to monotherapy, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis
Aspiration pneumonia	Ampicillin-sulbactam 3 g IV q6h Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock: Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours	1) Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h 2) Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock: Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceftriaxone if mild-moderate penicillin allergy; Ertapenem if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy • 7 days of antibiotic therapy recommended • Healthcare-acquired aspiration pneumonia should follow the recommendations for HAP above

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Genitourinary

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Uncomplicated cystitis	1) Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h 2) Nitrofurantoin* 100 mg PO q12h 3) Cephalexin 500 mg PO q12h	1) Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h 2) Gentamicin IV Pharmacy to Dose 3) Ciprofloxacin 250 mg po q12h 4) SMX/TMP DS po q12h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly recommend AGAINST treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria in most patients Add vancomycin IV for MRSA and Enterococcus coverage (if patient has Foley catheter, urinary stents, or <7 days urinary instrumentation) *Nitrofurantoin recommended in females with CrCl>40 mL/min and males with CrCl >60 ml/min ↑ E. coli resistance to Cipro (15-23%), SMX/TMP (20-25%), Ampicillin (41-46%) Avoid ciprofloxacin, gentamicin & SMX/TMP in pregnancy and warfarin Ertapenem if cephalosporin allergy, severe penicillin allergy or history of ESBL organism Usual duration depends on severity and choice of agent and dose
Pyelonephritis (uncomplicated)	Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h	1) Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h 2) Gentamicin IV Pharmacy to Dose	
Complicated Cystitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men, pregnant, functional abnormality, immunocompromised, indwelling or recent catheter/stent 	Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h Severe Sepsis or Septic Shock: Cefepime 2 g IV q8h	Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h Severe Sepsis or Septic Shock: Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	

Skin/Soft Tissue

Condition	First Line Therapy	Second Line Therapy	Notes
Cellulitis	Cefazolin 1-2 g IV q8h <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1g if ≤ 80 kg 2g if > 80 kg 	Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancomycin if cephalosporin or severe penicillin allergy, cephalosporin allergy, abscess or purulence Elevation of infected area is recommended Recommended duration of antibiotic therapy is 5 days, but can be extended if not improved (up to 14 days)
Necrotizing skin & soft tissue infection	Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose PLUS Clindamycin 600 mg IV q8h	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose PLUS Clindamycin 600 mg IV q8h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imipenem-cilastatin if cephalosporin or severe penicillin allergy Surgery and ID should be consulted Consider clindamycin 900 mg if confirmed or suspected Streptococcal toxic shock
Diabetic foot infection - Moderate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local infection with erythema >2 cm, or involving structures deeper than skin and subcutaneous tissue and no systemic inflammatory response signs 	Ampicillin-sulbactam 3 g IV q6h	Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ertapenem if severe penicillin allergy Treatment must include wound care Usual duration is 1-3 weeks. Antibiotics can be discontinued once clinical signs and symptoms have resolved
Diabetic foot infection - Severe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local infection with the signs of SIRS, as manifested by ≥2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature >38°C or <36°C Heart rate >90 beats/min Respiratory rate >20 breaths/min WBC >12,000 or <4,000 	1) Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose 2) Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Metronidazole 500 mg IV q12h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imipenem-cilastatin if severe penicillin allergy Treatment must include wound care Usual duration is 2-4 weeks. Antibiotics can be discontinued once clinical signs and symptoms have resolved

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Intra-Abdominal

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Community-acquired acute biliary infections – Mild to Moderate	Ceftriaxone 1g IV q24h	Ertapenem 1 g IV q24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ertapenem if cephalosporin allergy • Discontinue antibiotics within 24 hours s/p cholecystectomy unless infection outside gallbladder • Duration of therapy should be limited to 4–7 days, unless difficult to achieve adequate source control • Ampicillin-sulbactam not recommended due to high <i>E. coli</i> resistance rates • Use fluoroquinolones with caution due to increasing <i>E. coli</i> resistance (77% susceptible ANW antibiogram)
Community-acquired acute biliary infections – Severe (severe physiologic disturbance, advanced age (>70 years), immunocompromised) OR Acute cholangitis following bilio-enteric anastomosis of any severity	1) Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours 2) Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Metronidazole 500 mg IV q12h	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imipenem-cilastatin if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy • Discontinue antibiotics within 24 hours s/p cholecystectomy unless infection outside gallbladder • Duration of therapy should be limited to 4–7 days, unless difficult to achieve adequate source control
Extra-biliary infections – Mild to Moderate	Ceftriaxone 1-2 g IV q24h PLUS Metronidazole 500 mg IV q12h	Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ertapenem if cephalosporin allergy • Discontinue antibiotics within 24 hours s/p appendectomy unless evidence of perforation, abscess, or local peritonitis • Duration of therapy should be limited to 4–7 days, unless difficult to achieve adequate source control • Antibiotics are NOT recommended for pancreatitis unless necrotizing
Extra-biliary infections – Severe (severe physiologic disturbance, advanced age (>70 years), immunocompromised)	1) Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours 2) Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Metronidazole 500 mg IV q12h	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imipenem-cilastatin if severe penicillin allergy
Health care-associated intra-abdominal infections (biliary and extra-biliary)	1) Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours 2) Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Metronidazole 500 mg IV q12h	Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add vancomycin for MRSA coverage if following criteria met: known colonization/previous treatment failure or significant antibiotic exposure • Imipenem-cilastatin if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy • Discontinue antibiotics within 24 hours s/p cholecystectomy unless infection outside gallbladder • Discontinue antibiotics within 24 hours s/p appendectomy unless evidence of perforation, abscess, or local peritonitis • Duration of therapy should be limited to 4–7 days, unless difficult to achieve adequate source control

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Neutropenic Fever

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Neutropenic Fever • Single oral temp $\geq 38.3C$ (101F) or if hypothermic with temp $< 35 C$ (95F). Neutropenia is a neutrophil count < 500 cells/mm.	Cefepime 2 g IV q8h	Imipenem 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imipenem for if severe penicillin or cephalosporin allergy, h/o ESBL, failing broad-spectrum antibiotics, or high risk for multidrug resistant organism (intubated > 48 hours, h/o MDRO, nursing facility or > 3 days in hospital in past 90 days, previous exposure to broad-spectrum antibiotics in past 90 days)

Gastrointestinal/Infectious Diarrhea

Condition	First Line Therapy	Notes
Clostridium Difficile	Vancomycin 125 mg PO q6h x10 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat testing is not recommended 1st reoccurrence: If metronidazole used for initial episode, then use vancomycin 125 mg PO QID x 10 days. If initially treated with vancomycin, then vancomycin again with prolonged tapered and pulsed vancomycin regimen ≥ 2 reoccurrences: Vancomycin in a tapered and pulsed regimen. Refer to ID or GI provider. See Sanford guide or IDSA Clostridium difficile guidelines for tapered and pulsed regimen 14 days may be considered for patients who have not achieved symptom resolution at 10 days Rectal vancomycin may be required if complete ileus or unable to tolerate PO
Clostridium Difficile – Fulminant (hypotension or shock, ileus, megacolon)	Metronidazole 500 mg IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin 500 mg PO q6h	

Obstetric and Gynecologic

Condition	First Line Therapy	Second Line Therapy	Notes
Chorioamnionitis/ Intra-amniotic infection	Ampicillin-sulbactam 3 g IV q6h Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock: Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours	Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock: Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ertapenem if severe penicillin allergy Cesarean delivery – one additional dose after delivery Vaginal delivery –discontinue after delivery Add vancomycin for MRSA coverage if healthcare acquired and following criteria met: known colonization/previous treatment failure or significant antibiotic exposure
Post-partum Endometritis	Ampicillin-sulbactam 3 g IV q6h Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock: Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV x 1 over 30 minutes, followed by 3.375 g IV q8h over 4 hours	Ertapenem 1 g IV q24h Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock: Imipenem-cilastatin 500 mg IV q6h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ertapenem if severe penicillin allergy Continue IV until afebrile for 24-48 hrs and no fundal tenderness Add vancomycin for MRSA coverage if healthcare acquired and following criteria met: known colonization/previous treatment failure or significant antibiotic exposure

Central Nervous System

Condition	First Line Therapy	Second Line Therapy	Notes
Meningitis – community acquired	Acyclovir 10 mg/kg (IBW) IV q8h PLUS Ceftriaxone 2 g IV q12h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose ADD Ampicillin 2 g IV q4h if age >50, solid organ transplant or on steroids for ≥ 1 month (≥ 20 mg of prednisone or equivalent)	Acyclovir 10 mg/kg (IBW) IV q8h PLUS Meropenem 2 g IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meropenem if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy Duration of therapy based on isolated pathogen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Neisseria meningitides</i> x7 days <i>Haemophilus influenza</i> x7 days <i>Streptococcus pneumonia</i> x10-14 days Aerobic gram-negative bacilli 21 days <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ≥ 21 days <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> x14 days

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Meningitis – nosocomial/CSF shunt	Cefepime 2 g IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	Meropenem 2 g IV q8h PLUS Vancomycin IV Pharmacy to Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meropenem if cephalosporin allergy or severe penicillin allergy • Usual duration of therapy 10-14 days
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Ear/Nose/Throat

Condition	First Line Therapy	Second Line Therapy	Notes
Rhinosinusitis	Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid 875 mg PO BID	Levofloxacin 500 mg PO daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibiotics not recommended as most cases are viral • May be bacterial if all of the following are met: persistent symptoms (\geq 10 days), high fever (\geq 39 °C) and purulent nasal discharge or facial pain for 3-4 consecutive days, Worsening signs or symptoms • Levofloxacin if severe penicillin allergy • Usual duration 5-7 days