

Drug	Dose	Duration	+/- Notes
<b>1st choice options</b>			
<b>Phenoxymethylpenicillin</b>	<p><b>1-5years:</b> 125mg Susp. every 6 hours (max 12mg/kg per dose to max. 500mg Susp.)</p> <p><b>6-12 years:</b> 250mg Susp. OR 333mg tab every 6 hours (max 12mg/kg per dose to max. 500mg Susp or 666mg tab)</p> <p><b>12-18 years:</b> 500mg Susp. OR 666mg tab every 6 hours.</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> 666mg every 6 hours</p>	5 days	<p>Liquid preparations available: 125mg/5ml, 250mg/5ml</p> <p>Should be taken on an empty stomach</p> <p>Avoid in penicillin allergy</p>
<b>OR (if compliance likely to be challenging)</b>			
<b>Amoxicillin</b>	<p><b>1-11 months:</b> 125mg every 8 hours (to max 30mg/kg per dose to max. of 1g)</p> <p><b>1-4 years:</b> 250mg every 8 hours (to max 30mg/kg per dose to max. of 1g)</p> <p><b>5-11 years:</b> 500mg every 8 hours (to max 30mg/kg per dose to max of 1g)</p> <p><b>Adults and children &gt;12 years:</b> 500mg every 8 hours (max. 1g every 8 hours for severe infection)</p>	5 days	<p>Liquid preparations available (sugar-free): 125mg/5ml 250mg/5ml</p> <p>Avoid in penicillin allergy</p>
<b>2nd choice options / Penicillin Allergy</b>			
<b>Metronidazole</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> choice for penicillin allergy, or if recent penicillin course)	<p><b>1-2 years:</b> 50mg every 8 hours</p> <p><b>3-6 years:</b> 100mg every 12 hours</p> <p><b>7-9 years:</b> 100mg every 8 hours</p> <p><b>10-17 years:</b> 200-250mg every 8 hours</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> 400mg every 8 hours</p>	5 days	<p>Liquid preparations available: 200mg/5ml</p> <p>Advise patients to avoid alcohol.</p> <p>Anticoagulant effect of warfarin may be enhanced by Metronidazole.</p>
<b>OR</b>			
<b>Clarithromycin</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> choice for penicillin allergy)	<p><b>Children: (normal dose based on 7.5mg/kg per dose)</b></p> <p><b>1-2 years:</b> 62.5mg every 12 hours</p> <p><b>3-6 years:</b> 125mg every 12 hours</p> <p><b>7-9 years:</b> 187.5mg every 12 hours</p> <p><b>10-11 years:</b> 250mg every 12 hours</p> <p><b>12-18 years:</b> 250mg every 12 hours (to max 500mg every 12 hours)</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> 500mg every 12 hours</p>	5 days	<p>Prolonged release tablets not recommended in children.</p> <p>Liquid Preparations available: 125mg/5mls, 250mg/5mls.</p> <p>Patients on warfarin will require close INR monitoring during and after treatment with clarithromycin. <a href="#">Check for drug interactions before prescribing</a></p>
<b>Severe Infection:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For severe infection, maximum dose of a single agent (as above) should be considered in the first instance for a duration of 5 days.</li> <li>Use of dual therapy regimens can also be considered as outlined below.</li> <li>If the patient does not respond to the prescribed antibiotic therapy, check the diagnosis and consider referral to a specialist</li> </ul>			
	<b>Adults:</b>		

Phenoxymethylpenicillin <b>Plus</b> Metronidazole	666mg every 6 hours <b>Plus</b> 400mg every 8 hours  <b>Children:</b> Max. dose of each agent as indicated in tables above.	5 days	Phenoxymethylpenicillin should be taken on an empty stomach  Avoid in penicillin allergy
<b>OR (if compliance likely to be an issue)</b>			
Amoxicillin <b>Plus</b> Metronidazole	<b>Adults:</b> 1g every 8 hours <b>Plus</b> 400mg every 8 hours  <b>Children:</b> Max. dose of each agent as indicated in tables above.	5 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy  Advise patients to avoid alcohol.  Anticoagulant effect of warfarin may be enhanced by Metronidazole
<b>OR (Penicillin allergy)</b>			
Metronidazole <b>Plus</b> Clarithromycin	<b>Adults:</b> 400mg every 8 hours <b>Plus</b> 500mg every 12 hours  <b>Children:</b> Max. dose of each agent as indicated in tables above.	5 days	Advise patients to avoid alcohol.  Anticoagulant effect of warfarin may be enhanced by Metronidazole and Clarithromycin. Patients on warfarin will require close INR monitoring during and after treatment. <a href="#">Check for drug interactions before prescribing</a>