

Drug	Dose	Duration	Notes
1st choice options			
Amoxicillin	500mg every 8 hours Consider 750mg- 1g every 8 hours for severe infection	5 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy
OR Doxycycline (<i>First choice in penicillin allergy</i>)	200mg every 24 hours*	5 days	Avoid in pregnancy. Advise to take with a glass of water and sit upright for 30 minutes after taking. Can take with food or milk if gastritis is an issue. Absorption of doxycycline significantly impaired by antacids, iron/calcium/magnesium/zinc-containing products.
OR Clarithromycin (<i>Second line in penicillin allergy</i>)	500mg every 12 hours	5 days	Avoid if on azithromycin prophylaxis. Clarithromycin suitable in 2 nd and 3 rd trimester in pregnancy. For 1 st trimester, seek specialist advice.
2nd choice options or high risk of treatment failure			
Consider hospital admission. Check for consultant guidance from previous consultation			
Co-amoxiclav	500/125mg every 8 hours Consider 875/125mg every 8 hours for severe infection	5 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy
OR Levofloxacin (<i>In penicillin allergy</i>)	500mg every 24 hours	5 days	Increased risk of tendon damage with concomitant use of corticosteroids. Avoid in pregnancy. Absorption of levofloxacin significantly impaired by dairy products, antacids, iron/calcium/magnesium/zinc-containing products.