

Drug	Dose	Duration	Notes
<b>1st choice options</b>			
<b>Amoxicillin</b>	500mg every 8 hours Consider 1g every 8 hours for severe infection	5 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy
<b>OR Doxycycline</b> <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.
<b>OR Clarithromycin</b> <i>(Second line in penicillin allergy)</i>	500mg every 12 hours	5 days	Avoid if on azithromycin prophylaxis. Macrolides should be used with caution in pregnancy. Clarithromycin suitable only in 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester in pregnancy. Alternative macrolide for all trimesters of pregnancy: Azithromycin 500mg stat then 250mg every 24 hours from Day 2 to Day 5.
<b>2nd choice options or high risk of treatment failure</b>			
Consider hospital admission. Check for consultant guidance from previous consultation			
<b>Co-amoxiclav</b>	500/125mg every 8 hours Consider 875/125mg every 8 hours for severe infection	5 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy
<b>OR Levofloxacin</b> <i>(In penicillin allergy)</i>	500mg every 12 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.