

Drug	Dose	Duration	Notes
CRB 65 Score Zero (0) Suitable for home treatment			
Amoxicillin	500mg every 8 hours	5 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy. If no response after 48 hours on Amoxicillin monotherapy, consider addition of Clarithromycin or change to Doxycycline
OR Doxycycline	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	Clarithromycin suitable in 2 nd and 3 rd trimester in pregnancy. For 1 st trimester, seek specialist advice.
CRB 65 Score 1-2 and assessed suitable for treatment in the community			
Amoxicillin PLUS Clarithromycin	1g every 8 hours 500mg every 12 hours	7days	Consider hospital admission Avoid amoxicillin in penicillin allergy. Clarithromycin suitable in 2 nd and 3 rd trimester in pregnancy. For 1 st trimester, seek specialist advice.
OR Doxycycline	200mg every 24 hours*	7 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.
CRB 65 Score 3 or more (urgent hospital admission)			
Administer Benzylpenicillin prior to transfer	1.2g IV/IM	N/A	Avoid in penicillin allergy Urgent hospital admission
Or Amoxicillin	1g PO	N/A	Seek risk factors for <i>Legionella</i> and <i>Staph.aureus</i> infection