

Principles for rational prescribing

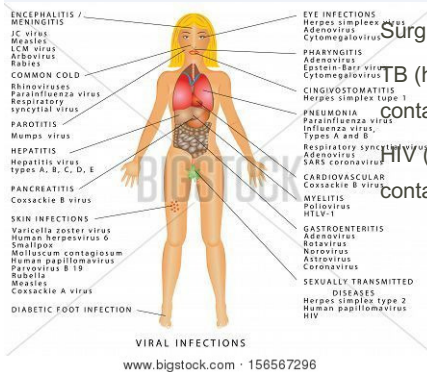
1. Is an antibiotic indicated?
2. Cultures before administering AB in hospitalised patients or patients with recurrent infections
3. Choose an appropriate empiric antibiotic
4. Correct dose and route of administration
5. Start AB rapidly in severe infections
6. Practice early and effective source control
7. Evaluate appropriateness everyday

When is an antibiotic indicated?

Depend on diagnosis?

- > Fever
- > Leukocytosis
- > Raised inflammatory markers
- > Specific organ dysfunction

When is an antibiotic indicated?



Antibiotics Indicated:

- P= prophylactic treatment
- > Prevention of new/recurrent infections
- E= empiric treatment
- > treat for most likely infective organism (no culture results yet)
- D= Definitive treatment
- > treat w/ AB as per results of microbial culture and sensitivity (MCS)

Leukocytes&Inflammatory

Markers:

Haematology

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| White Cell count | 4-11/L | + |
| Erythrocyte sedimentation rate | 0-22mm/hr (men) | + |
| | 0-29mm/hr (women) | |
| Platelets | 140-440/L | - |
| C-reactive protein | 0-10 | + |

Prophylactic treatment:

- Infective endocarditis (patients with prosthetic heart valves/valvular disease)
- > Dental, oral or URT procedures
- > GU surgery / GI procedures
- Rheumatic fever (reoccurrence)
- Meningococcal disease (contacts)

Surgical

- TB (high risk individuals / contacts)
- HIV (high risk individuals / contacts)

Empiric antibiotic is indicated:

Empiric antibiotic is indicated: (cont)

2. Site of infection:

Peripheral line sepsis=sk-in/soft tissue. Likely pathogen. Staph. aureus. Coagulase negative staphylococci, strep. spp.

Cutaneous Abscess:

Definition

Deep inflammatory nodule extending into subcutaneous tissue that preceding folliculitis

Common aetiologies

S. aureus

Tests

None

Management

All cases require surgical drainage.

Uncomplicated cases

- No antibiotics required

Complicated cases (surrounding cellulitis, located on face, systemic symptoms)

- Flucloxacillin 500 mg po 6-hourly for 5 days or co-amoxiclav 1g po 6-hourly
- In penicillin allergy use clindamycin 450 mg po 8 hourly

Osteomyelitis:

Bacterial infection of bone due to contiguous spread from soft tissues, haematogenous seeding or direct inoculation.

Common aetiologies

- S aureus. – Coagulase-negative staphylococci

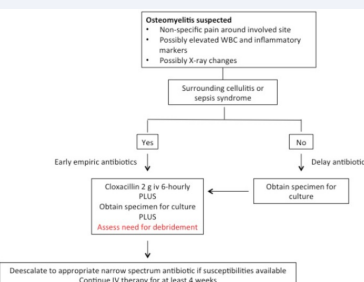
Occasional

- Streptococci. - Enterococci.
- Gram-negative bacilli.

Other

- M tuberculosis. – Fungal infections.

Osteomyelitis (cont)



Diagnosis and Treatment

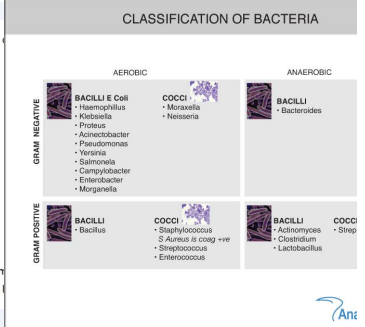
Osteomyelitis (cont.)

Empiric Treatments:

Most likely pathogen for site of infection

- > Gram + cocci: Skin
- > Gram - bacilli: Urethras
- > Gram + and -, anareobes: Large intestine

Classification of Bacteria:



Empiric Treatment: drug distribution:

| | CSF | Lung | Soft tissue | U |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|---|
| Ampicillin | Good (in high doses) | Good | Good | C |
| Cloxacillin | Inadequate data | Fair | Good | C |
| Clindamycin | Poor | No data | Good | A |
| Co-amoxiclav | Poor | Good | Good | F |
| Ceftriaxone | Good (in high doses) | Good | Good | C |
| Aminoglycosides | Poor | Poor | Fair | C |
| Ciprofloxacin | Good (in high doses) | Good | Good | C |
| Co-trimoxazole | Good | Good | Good | C |
| Ertapenem | Poor | Good | Good | C |
| Meropenem | Good (in high doses) | Good | Good | C |
| Imipenem | Good* | Good | Good | C |
| Vancomycin | Poor | Poor | Poor | C |
| Linezolid | Good | Good | Good | C |
| Daptomycin | Poor | Poor | Good | C |

*Associated with higher risk of seizures

Will AB reach site of infection?

Definitive Treatment:

Microbial culture and sensitivity results done.

Culture of:

- > Urine
- > Sputum
- > Cerebrovascular fluid
- > Nasal secretions
- > Wound / throat swab
- > Blood

Microbial Culture:

Growing microbe to identify the type of bacteria.

Microbial Sensitivity:

Identify which antibiotics inhibits the growth of the microorganism

Microbial Culture (cont.):

Choose by assessing:

1. Source of infection:

Community acquired Before or less than 48 hours of admission to hospital. Microorganism expected? Wild/non-resistant mo's. 1st line antibiotics. Less side effects.

Hospital acquired >48 hours after admission or within 30 days of discharge. Microorganisms expected? Mutated / resistant microorganisms. Second line antibiotics. More side-effects.

Recurrent

Notes:

- May need to continue IV therapy for 6 weeks or longer
- Do not add rifampicin in cases without foreign material
- Consider tuberculosis if culture-negative or no clinical improvement
- Vancomycin is used for health care-associated osteomyelitis or confirmed MRSA (loading dose 23–30 mg/kg followed by 15–20 mg/kg 12-hour maintain trough levels 15–20 mg/mL)
- See Chapter 18 for management of open fractures
- Infections associated with prosthetic material should be discussed with expert

| | Oral absorption (%) | Comments |
|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Penicillin VK | Moderate | |
| Amoxicillin | Good | Take without food |
| Flucloxacillin | Good | Take on empty stomach |
| Clindamycin | Good | |
| Co-amoxiclav | Good | |
| Ciprofloxacin | Good | Do not give via NGT or with antacids |
| Doxycycline | Excellent | Take with food, do not co-administer with antacids |
| Azithromycin | Poor | Take without food |
| Metronidazole | Excellent | |
| Co-trimoxazole | Good | |
| Linezolid | Excellent | |

Diagnosis and treatment notes.

routes of administration.

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Microbial Culture (cont.):

| Duration | Indication |
|---|--|
| 3 days | Uncomplicated UTI (quinolone ONLY), Shigellosis (without bacteraemia, quinolone ONLY) |
| 5-7 days (or 3 days after normalization of fever) | Uncomplicated UTI (non-quinolone), Otitis Media, Pneumonia, Meningococcal meningitis, Tick bite Fever (7) |
| 10-14 days | Sinusitis, Pneumococcal meningitis, Pyelonephritis, pharyngitis (S. pyogenes), Complicated UTI, Prostatitis (acute), Shigellosis (with bacteraemia), Helicobacter eradication (14), Gonococcal arthritis |
| 21 days | Meningitis (Listeria or Gram-negative) |
| 4 weeks | Endocarditis (prosthetic valve 6 weeks), Osteomyelitis, Septic arthritis, Prostatitis (chronic), Brucellosis (8 weeks) |

Recommended duration of definitive treatment.

Case study questions:

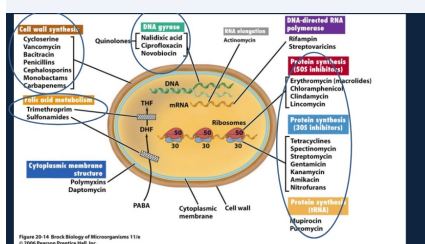
Rationalise if an antibiotic is indicated?

What pharmacological / non-pharmacological treatment would you recommend?

How would you monitor the efficacy and safety of the treatment once initiated?

What is a possible complication of a sore throat? - Otitis media (spread of infection to the middle ear) Meningitis (spread of infection to the lining of brain and spinal canal) Pneumonia (lung infection)

Road Map:



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