

# Cheatography

## Principles of AMT Cheat Sheet

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### Principles for rational prescribing

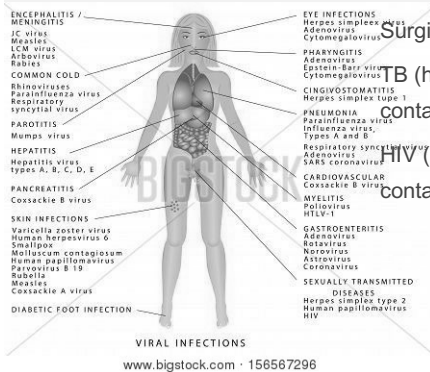
1. Is an antibiotic indicated?
2. Cultures before administering AB in hospitalised patients or patients with recurrent infections
3. Choose an appropriate empiric antibiotic
4. Correct dose and route of administration
5. Start AB rapidly in severe infections
6. Practice early and effective source control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

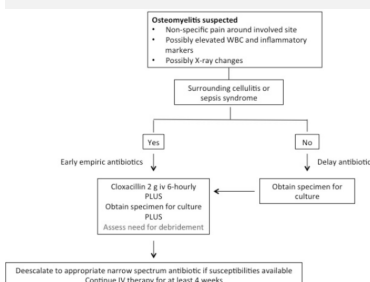
#### Occasional

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

#### Other

- *M. tuberculosis*. – Fungal infections.

### Osteomyelitis (cont)



### Diagnosis and Treatment

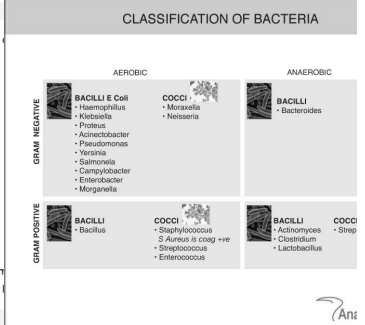
### Osteomyelitis (cont.)

### 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:

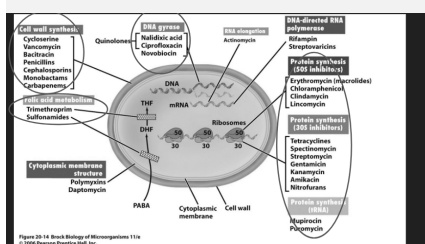
Rationalise if an antibiotic is indicated?

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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