

Pan Birmingham Primary Care Antimicrobial Guidelines 2017 – Summary

To be used in conjunction with the full guidance available on [BSSE APC formulary](#). See [BNFC](#) for child doses

Illness	Comments	Formulary place	Treatment options
Sore throat (acute)	Avoid abx or use 2-3 days back-up abx if possible FeverPAIN Treating your infection leaflet	1 st line	Phenoxymethylpenicillin 500mg QDS 10 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days (consider erythromycin for child)
		Pregnant & pen allergy	Erythromycin 500mg QDS 5 days
Scarlet fever (GAS)	Optimise analgesia. Prompt abx reduces complications	1 st line	Phenoxymethylpenicillin 500mg QDS 10 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days
Otitis media (acute)	Optimise analgesia and target abx. Consider 2-3 day back-up abx if possible	1 st line	Amoxicillin 500mg TDS 5 days (see BNF-C for child doses)
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days (see BNF-C for child doses)
Otitis externa (acute)	Cellulitis/disease outside ear canal – abx + refer to exclude malignant disease	1 st line	Analgesia
		2 nd Line	Acetic acid 2% 1 spray TDS 7days or neomycin/steroid (Otomize) 1 spray TDS 7-14d
		Cellulitis	Flucloxacillin 500mg QDS 7 days
Sinusitis (acute)	Avoid abx if < 10days. >10d consider 7day back-up abx Treating your infection leaflet	1 st line	No abx. Self care or (back-up) Phenoxymethylpenicillin 500mg QDS 5 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Doxycycline 200mg stat/100mg OD 5 days (not <12yrs, pregnancy or lactation) or Clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days
		V unwell or worse > 10d	Co-amoxiclav 625mg TDS 5 days Mometasone 200micrograms BD 14 days
Acute cough & bronchitis	Consider 7d back up abx with advice. Immediate abx if risk factors (see guidelines)	1 st line	Do not prescribe antibiotics. Self-care and safety netting
		2 nd line	(back-up) Amoxicillin 500mg TDS 5 days (see BNFC for child doses)
		3 rd line or pen allergy	Doxycycline 200mg stat/100mg OD 5 days (not <12yrs, pregnancy or lactation) or clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days (consider erythromycin 500mg QDS in pregnancy)
COPD acute exacerbation	Treat promptly if purulent sputum +increased SOB +/- increased sputum vol.	1 st line	Amoxicillin 500mg TDS 5 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Doxycycline 200mg stat/100mg OD 5 days or clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days
		3 rd line	(if resistance) Co-amoxiclav 625mg TDS 5 days
Community acquired pneumonia ADULT – treated in community	If CRB65=0 HOME	1 st line	Amoxicillin 500mg TDS 5 days (rev 3 days and extend to 7-10 days if poor resp)
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Doxycycline 200mg stat/100mg OD 5 days or clarithromycin 500mg BD 5 days (rev at 3d & extend to 7-10 days if poor resp) If pregnant consider erythromycin + seek advice
	If CRB65=1-2 & AT HOME clinically assess need for dual tx for atypicals	1 st line	Amoxicillin 500mg TDS AND Clarithromycin 500mg BD 7-10 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Doxycycline alone 200mg stat/100mg OD 7-10days
Community acquired pneumonia – CHILD treated in community	CRB65 not approp. CKS CAP in children risk assessment tool. Self-help + safety net	1 st line	Amoxicillin 5-7 days (see BNF-C for doses)
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Clarithromycin 7 days (see BNF-C for doses)
Suspected meningococcal disease	Immediate hospital. If time IV abx if possible.	1 st line	Benzylpenicillin IV or IM STAT (see BNF-C for doses)
		2 nd line	Cefotaxime IV or IM STAT (see BNF-C for doses)
UTI in adults (lower)	See guidelines for when to treat. UTI leaflet Nitrofurantoin MHRA advice MSU if treatment failure	1 st line	Nitrofurantoin MR 100mg BD 3 days (women) or 7 days (men) (if GFR>30ml/min) Pivmecillinam 400mg stat/200mg TDS 3 days (women) or 7 days (men) if GFR <30ml/min
		2 nd line	LOW RISK PTS: Trimethoprim 200mg BD 3 days (women) or 7 days (men) or amoxicillin (if susceptible) 500mg TDS 7 days HIGH RISK OF RESISTANCE Fosfomycin 3g STAT (women); 3g STAT on days 1 & 4 (men)
UTI– lower UTI in child	Child <3mths refer urgently. Send pre-treatment MSU	1 st line	Trimethoprim or amoxicillin (if susceptible) BNF-C dose - 3days
		2 nd line	Cefalexin (see BNF for doses) 3 days
UTI - upper UTI in child	Refer to paed	1 st line	Refer to paed to: obtain MSU, assess, consider abx
UTI in pregnancy	MSU + start abx. (see guidelines) UTI leaflet Nitrofurantoin MHRA advice	1 st line	Nitrofurantoin MR 100mg BD (not at term) or amoxicillin (if susceptible) 500mg TDS 7d
		2 nd line	Trimethoprim 200mg BD (off-label) 7 days (give folate if 1 st trimester)
		3 rd line	Cefalexin 500mg BD 7 days
Recurrent UTI - non-pregnant women	Simple measures. Review every 3 months UTI leaflet <Link to flow chart>	1 st line	Simple measures (hydration + analgesia) Review 3-6months
		2 nd line	Nitrofurantoin 100mg stat (post-coital) or at night (prophylaxis) for 3 months Nitrofurantoin MHRA advice
	If prophylaxis indicated	1 st line	Nitrofurantoin 100mg at night or stat post-coital (off label) for 3 months
		2 nd line	Cefalexin 250mg od or (if recent sensitivity) trimethoprim 200mg ON or post-coital
Acute pyelonephritis	MSU + start abx. If ESBL risk on micro advice consider IV via OPAT	1 st line	Co-amoxiclav 625mg TDS 7 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Ciprofloxacin 500mg BD 7 days (de-escalate after micro results if sensitive)
Acute prostatitis	MSU + abx. 4wk course may prevent chronic.	1 st line	Ciprofloxacin 500mg BD 28 days or ofloxacin 200mg BD 28 days
		2 nd line	Seek local specialist advice
Infectious diarrhoea	No abx if not systemically ill	1 st line	Clarithromycin 500mg BD 5-7 days
Clostridium difficile	Stop unnecessary abx + PPIs + antiperistaltic agents.	1 st episode	Metronidazole 400mg TDS 14 days
		2 nd /3 rd episode/ severe/type 027- Seek microbiologist advice	
Epididymitis	>35 years low risk STI	Low STI risk	Ofloxacin 200mg BD or doxycycline 100mg BD 14 days. If high risk refer to GUM
Pelvic inflammatory dx	Refer + contacts to GUM	Low STI risk	Metronidazole 400mg BD PLUS Ofloxacin 400mg BD 14 days. If high risk refer to GUM
Impetigo	Topical if localised. Oral if extensive/severe.	1 st line	Fusidic acid (topical) TDS 5 days or Flucloxacillin 500mg QDS 7 days
		2 nd line or pen allergy	Clarithromycin 500mg BD 7 days (see BNFC for child doses)
		MRSA only	Mupirocin 2% topical TDS 5 days
Bites (human or animal)	See guidelines for risk assessment for other inf. Prophylaxis advised	All bites	(prophylaxis or treatment) Co-amoxiclav 625mg TDS 7 days
		Pen allergy	Animal bite: Metronidazole 400mg TDS PLUS Doxycycline 200mg stat/100mg BD 7 days Human bite: Metronidazole 400mg TDS PLUS Clarithromycin 500mg BD 7 days