

Galway: GAPP - Galway Antimicrobial Prescribing Policy / Guidelines (GAPP): Patient Education & Documentation

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- Patients developing infection, despite measures, must be given systemic antibiotics and admitted urgently to hospital.
- Patients should be given [written information](#) and carry a card to alert health professionals to the risk of overwhelming infection. Patients may wish to invest in alert bracelet or pendant.
- Patients should be educated as to the potential risks of overseas travel, particularly regarding malaria and unusual infections, for example resulting from animal bites. Co-amoxiclav (or appropriate alternative in penicillin allergy) is recommended after animal bites.
- The front cover of **patient records should be clearly labelled** to indicate the underlying risk of infection from absent or dysfunctional spleen.
- **Vaccination and revaccination status** should be clearly and adequately **documented**.
- It may be appropriate to advise people that they are at risk of infection with the agent associated with red water fever in cattle and that they should take precaution against tick exposure (wear protective clothing in tick infested areas) when walking in the countryside.