

## Louth: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Louth Hospitals: Antimicrobial Guidelines: Paediatrics - ENT Infections

<b>Infection</b>
<b>Paediatrics - Cervical Lymphadenitis</b>
<b>Likely Organisms</b>
S. aureus, Group A Streptococcus, anaerobes, Group B Streptococcus or S. aureus if < 3 months old
<b>Empiric Antimicrobial Treatment</b>
<b>Mild (outpatient):</b>
Cef-AL-exin PO
<b>OR</b>
Flucloxacillin PO
<b>OR</b>
Co-amoxiclav PO
<b>Moderate to Severe (hospitalised):</b>
Cef-AZ-olin IV
<b>OR</b>
Flucloxacillin IV <b>Plus</b> Clindamycin PO or IV
<b>Duration of Treatment</b>
<b>Mild to Moderate:</b> 7 days.
<b>Severe:</b> Duration as per Micro/ID.
<b>IV to Oral Switch</b>
Yes, when clinically appropriate.
Cef-AL-exin is an appropriate PO switch for Cef-AZ-olin IV.
<b>Comments</b>
If suppuration present, may require incision & drainage, contact ENT .
<b>Infection</b>
<b>Paediatrics - Epiglottitis - Acute</b>
<b>Likely Organisms</b>
S. pneumoniae, Group A and C Streptococcus, S. aureus (H. influenzae, now rare)
<b>Empiric Antimicrobial Treatment</b>
Cef-O-taxime IV
<b>Duration of Treatment</b>
7 to 10 days
<b>IV to Oral Switch</b>
Continue IV for entire duration of therapy.
<b>Infection</b>
<b>Paediatrics - Mastoiditis - Acute</b>
<b>Likely Organisms</b>
S. pneumoniae, Group A Streptococcus, S. aureus
<b>Empiric Antimicrobial Treatment</b>
Cef-O-taxime IV
<b>OR</b>
Cef-TRI-axone IV
If known MRSA, contact Microbiology for advice.
If history of recent antibiotic use and otorrhoea, may need <i>P. aeruginosa</i> cover, contact Microbiology for advice.
<b>Duration of Treatment</b>
14 days.
<b>IV to Oral Switch</b>
Yes, when clinically appropriate.