

Louth: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Louth Hospitals: Antimicrobial Guidelines: Other Infections in Pregnancy

Indication
Obstetrics - Bacterial Tonsillitis ^{16,21}
First Line Antimicrobials
Phenoxymethylpenicillin 666mg QDS PO
Penicillin Allergy Alternatives
First trimester: Erythromycin 500mg QDS PO
Second and third trimester: Clarithromycin 500mg BD PO
Comments
The majority of sore throats are viral; most patients do not benefit from antibiotics.
Duration
10 days
Indication
Obstetrics - Influenza (Flu) ^{16,21,30}
First Line Antimicrobials
Oseltamivir 75mg BD
Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnant women are at increased risk of severe and complicated influenza, including associated hospitalisation and death, compared to non-pregnant women of reproductive age Monitor women carefully for signs of bacterial super-infection (e.g. Group A Streptococcus) Please see https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/influenza/seasonalinfluenza/guidance/ for further information and national guidance on the management of influenza in pregnant patients Pregnant and post-partum contacts in hospital should be given oseltamivir prophylaxis
Duration
5 days
Indication
Obstetrics - Meningitis ^{16,31}
First Line Antimicrobials
Cef-TRI-axone 2g BD IV
AND
Vancomycin 25mg/kg loading dose (max 2g), followed by 15mg/kg BD IV
AND
Amoxicillin 2g 4 hourly IV
Penicillin Allergy Alternatives
Meropenem 2g TDS IV
AND
Vancomycin 25mg/kg loading dose (max 2g), followed by 15mg/kg BD IV
NB. Use meropenem with great caution and close clinical monitoring if history of immediate-onset or severe penicillin hypersensitivity – approximately 1% risk of immediate-onset hypersensitivity to meropenem in patients with history of immediate-onset penicillin hypersensitivity. ⁹⁻¹²
NB. Contact Consultant Microbiologist for advice and if alternative antimicrobial choice required.
Comments
Microbiological Investigations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood cultures EDTA blood sample for PCR CSF Throat swab to detect carriage of <i>N. meningitidis</i>
Duration
Duration depends on causative organism:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> : Minimum 7 days <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> : Minimum 10 days <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> : Minimum 14 days <i>Listeria</i> spp.: Minimum 21 days