

Louth: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Louth Hospitals: Antimicrobial Guidelines: Variceal Haemorrhage Prophylaxis

Indication
Variceal Haemorrhage Prophylaxis for patients with cirrhosis
First Line Antimicrobials
Cef-TRI-axone 1g once daily IV
NON-immediate-onset and NON-severe Penicillin Hypersensitivity
Cef-TRI-axone 1g once daily IV
IMMEDIATE-onset or SEVERE Penicillin Hypersensitivity
Ciprofloxacin 500mg BD PO (excellent oral bioavailability) or 400mg BD IV only where oral route is not feasible
N.B. Risk of long-lasting and disabling adverse effects with quinolones, mainly involving muscles, tendons and bones and the nervous system. Consider potential to prolong the QT interval. Consider that seizure threshold may be lowered.
Duration of Treatment
5 days