

# Antibiotic Guide Update

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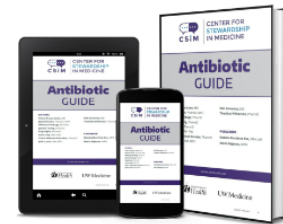
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# Key updates

- ✓ Penicillin allergy updates
- ✓ Lower Respiratory tract
- ✓ Sepsis
- ✓ Updated versions are planned every other year

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# Penicillin allergy: obtaining history

When was the reaction?

How soon after taking a dose?

How far into the course of the antibiotic?

Has the patient used the same antibiotic or antibiotic in the same class since the reaction?

What were the symptoms?

Did the patient require medical attention or treatment?

Is there anticipated need for use of this medication in the near future?



# My mom told me that I am allergic to penicillin so I never took it!

## Assessment of Patient Reported Penicillin Allergy

### Minor risk reactions

"never took b/c whole family is allergic"  
"headache"  
"upset stomach"

### Non allergic minor reactions

### Low risk reactions

Any non-severe non-anaphylactic reaction

Ex.  
Possible non-anaphylactic IgE mediated reaction >5 years ago

Maculopapular rash (type IV HSR\*)

Medical record lists allergy but patient denies

Unknown reaction >10 years ago not requiring medical care (includes "mom told me that I had a reaction as a baby")

### OK to use full dose: Any penicillin

### OK to administer after test dose: Penicillin

OK to use full dose:  
Cephalosporin  
Aztreonam  
Carbapenem  
Non-beta-lactam antibiotics

\*HSR: Hypersensitivity reaction. \*\*See Appendix 4 for test dose procedure. Cefazolin in penicillin allergy - see reference 13 and 14.

\*\* See beta lactam cross-reactivity table



# Can my patient with a penicillin allergy get cefazolin?

## Assessment of Patient Reported Penicillin Allergy

### Higher risk (IgE mediated reactions that were severe or recent)

Anaphylaxis (any time in the past)

Any of the following within 6 hours of dosing and <5 years ago:

- Angioedema /laryngeal edema
- Hives/itching/rash/flushing
- Wheezing
- Hypotension
- Severe GI symptoms

Any urticarial rash within the past 5 years.

Positive penicillin skin test with no prior reaction

Any unknown reaction <10 years or >10 years if required medical care

### OK to use full dose:

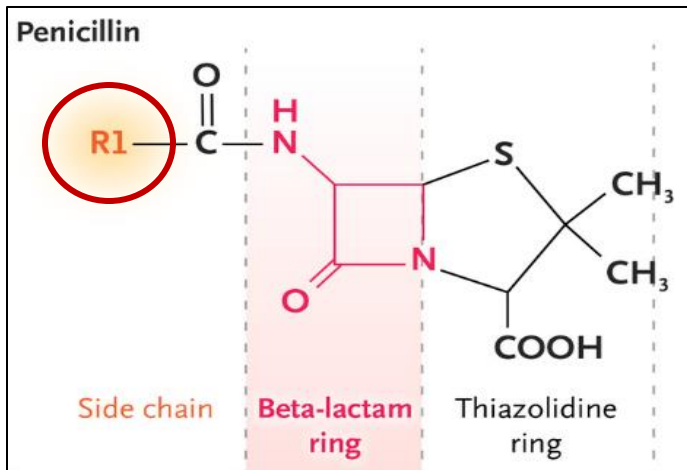
Cephalosporin with dissimilar side chain (ie. cefazolin, ceftriaxone, cefepime)  
Carbapenem  
Aztreonam  
Non-beta-lactam antibiotics

If penicillin or cephalosporin with similar side chain indicated, call Allergy for Penicillin skin testing or desensitization

Notable cephalosporins that share side-chain with penicillin are:

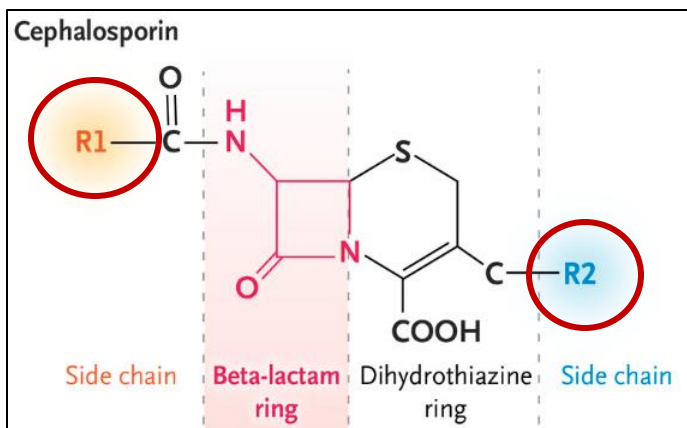
- ✓ cefadroxil,
- ✓ cephalixin,
- ✓ cefaclor,
- ✓ cefprozil

# Why it's OK to give cefazolin



- Risk of cross-reactivity between penicillin and cephalosporins → similar **R-side chains**

- NOT because of shared beta-lactam ring



- Cefazolin → unique side chain that is distinct from other cephalosporins and beta-lactams



# Updated the penicillin allergy recommendations throughout

## RECOMMENDED TREATMENT AND DURATION

### Inpatient:

#### FIRST LINE

- Ceftriaxone 1g IV Q24H  
For patients with penicillin allergies (including anaphylaxis): Ceftriaxone is safe

#### SECOND LINE

- For patients with severe penicillin allergies with delayed severe cutaneous reactions (DRESS, SJS) or any cephalosporin allergies
- Ciprofloxacin 400mg IV Q12H
  - Levofloxacin 750mg IV Q24H

### Outpatient:

#### FIRST LINE

- Ceftriaxone 1g IM/IV x 1 dose (ok for patients with penicillin allergies, including anaphylaxis)

For patients with severe penicillin allergies with delayed severe cutaneous reactions (DRESS, SJS) or any cephalosporin allergies: Gentamicin 5mg/kg IM/IV x 1 dose

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## RECOMMENDED TREATMENT AND DURATION

### EXTRA-BILIARY SOURCE:

appendicitis, diverticulitis, bowel perforation with peritonitis, hepatic abscess

### Extra-biliary Source MILD-MODERATE Risk

#### FIRST LINE

Ceftriaxone 2gm IV q24hr PLUS Metronidazole 500mg IV q8hr

For patients with penicillin allergies (including anaphylaxis): Ceftriaxone is safe

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[Drug allergy: A 2022 practice parameter update.](#)

J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2022 Dec;150(6):1333-1393. doi: 10.1016/j.jaci.2022.08.028. Epub 2022 Sep 17. PMID: 36122788

[Evaluation and Management of Penicillin Allergy: A Review.](#)

Shenoy ES, Macy E, Rowe T, Blumenthal KG. JAMA. 2019 Jan 15;321(2):188-199. doi: 10.1001/jama.2018.19283. PMID: 30644987



# How long do I need to treat pneumonia?

- **Duration in children: 7-10 days (but possibly shorter)**
  - Same et al. 2021: 5-7 days vs. 8-14 days
  - Kuitunen et al. 2023: 3-5 days vs. 7-10 days
- **Duration in adults: 3-5 days**
  - Dinh et al. 2021: 3 days can be considered among patients admitted for moderate CAP.



# Is Doxycycline safe in kids?

- Doxycycline may be used for any age group for courses  $\leq 21$  days.\*
  - Tetracycline can bind calcium causing discoloration of teeth – avoided in age ranges during calcification/mineralization of teeth.
  - The same phenomenon has not been seen with doxycycline.
  - AAP/IDSA now allows for doxycycline use for all ages.

\*Will be added in next year's pocketguide

Todd SR, Dahlgren FS, Traeger MS, et al. No visible dental staining in children treated with doxycycline for suspected Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. *J Pediatr*. 2015;166(5):1246-1251.

American Academy of Pediatrics. Committee on Infectious Diseases. *Red Book: 2021 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases*. 32nd ed. American Academy of Pediatrics; 2021.



# Triaging LRTIs: outpatient → inpatient, wards → ICU

- PSI/CURB-65 – triage patients in outpatient setting.
- Severe CAP – use in patients already admitted to assess for ICU care.



# What abx do we give for sepsis?

## RECOMMENDED TREATMENT AND DURATION

If shock, rapid initiation of early broad-spectrum antibiotics as an undifferentiated disease state are warranted. If a syndrome-based approach to sepsis or severe sepsis, consider the following key agents for adequate empiric coverage based upon risk of MRSA, anaerobes or pseudomonas.

### FIRST LINE ADULT, COMMUNITY ACQUIRED

Ceftriaxone 2g IV daily

### FIRST LINE ADULT, AT RISK FOR PSEUDOMONAS (e.g. hospital acquired)

Cefepime 2gm q8hr

### FIRST LINE ADULT, HISTORY OF ESBL

Meropenem 1gm q8hr

### SECOND LINE INPATIENT

Penicillin allergy (including anaphylaxis): ceftriaxone/cefepime/meropenem are safe

For patients with severe penicillin allergy with delayed severe cutaneous reactions (DRESS, SJS) or any cephalosporin allergy: Aztreonam 2g IV q6 hours + Vancomycin loading dose IV x1 (2g if  $\geq 70$  kg, 1.5g if  $<70$  kg).

In addition to the above agents, additional antibiotics are recommended in the following scenarios:

#### If Risk of MRSA

##### FIRST LINE ADULT

Include Vancomycin IV loading dose X 1 (2gm if  $> 70$ kg, 1.5gm if  $< 70$ kg) STAT, then 15mg/kg IV q12hrs

#### If Risk of anaerobes

##### FIRST LINE ADULT

Include Metronidazole 500mg IV q8hr

#### If Risk for highly resistant gram-negative pathogens including Acinetobacter

##### FIRST LINE ADULT

Include Ciprofloxacin 400mg IV q8hr

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# Feedback?

Let us know how we can make the Antibiotic Guide better for upcoming years!

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# Influenza update



[Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022-2023 Influenza Season](#) has been published. CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older in the United States should get a flu vaccine every season with rare exception. More information about the [2022-2023 flu season](#) is also available.

For each recipient, a licensed and age-appropriate vaccine should be used.

With the exception of vaccination for adults aged  $\geq 65$  years, ACIP makes no preferential recommendation for a specific vaccine when more than one licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate vaccine is available.

All seasonal influenza vaccines are quadrivalent

- A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus for egg-based vaccines and
- A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus for cell-based or recombinant vaccines.

Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIV4s), recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) are expected to be available.

Trivalent influenza vaccines are **no longer available**, but data that involve these vaccines are included for reference.

# Updated Influenza guidelines for 23-24

## Timing:

September and October are the best times for most people to get vaccinated. A few exceptions:

- Pregnant people who are in their third trimester can get a flu vaccine in July or August
- For adults (especially those  $\geq 65$  years old) and pregnant people in the first and second trimester, vaccination in July-August should be avoided unless it won't be possible to vaccinate in September - October.
- Children [who need two doses](#) of flu vaccine should get their first dose of vaccine as soon as vaccine becomes available. The second dose should be given at least four weeks after the first.
- Vaccination in July or August can be considered for children who have health care visits during these months, if there might not be another opportunity to vaccinate them. For example, some children might have medical visits in the late summer before school starts and might not return to see a health care provider in September or October.

# Influenza Vaccine 23-24

## Egg allergies:

Previous recommendation:

- Additional safety measures recommended for administration of egg-based flu vaccine to people who have had severe allergic reactions to egg.

New Recommendation:

- Additional safety measures are no longer recommended for flu vaccination beyond those recommended for receipt of any vaccine.

# Influenza Vaccine 23-24

ACIP recommends that adults aged  $\geq 65$  years preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines:

- quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent)
- quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (Flucelvax)
- quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (Fluad Quadrivalent)

If none of these three vaccines is available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used.

[ACIP website with presentations](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/2022-2023/acip-table.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/grade/influenza-older-adults.html>

RSV vaccine co-administration

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2023-06-21-23/07-RSV-Adults-Britton-508.pdf>

# Influenza Vaccine 23-24

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