# ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFECTIVE ENDOCARDITIS

Risk factors for developing IE include:

- Unrepaired cyanotic congenital heart defect (birth defects with oxygen levels lower than normal)
- repaired congenital heart defect, with residual shunts or valvular regurgitation at the site adjacent to the site of a prosthetic patch or prosthetic device.
- Previous heart valve surgery including replacement and including transcatheter-implanted prostheses and homografts.
- Previous history of IE
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Heart transplant
- Intravenous drug use

## **AHA Guidelines**

People with the highest risk for poor outcomes from IE may be prescribed antibiotics (IE prophylaxis) prior to certain dental procedures including

- procedures that involve manipulation of gingival (gum) tissue, or
- the periapical region (area around the roots) of teeth, or
- perforation of the oral mucosa.

Except for the conditions listed above, antibiotic prophylaxis before dental procedures is not recommended for any other types of congenital heart disease.

# Nice guidelines

Antibiotic prophylaxis against infective endocarditis is not recommended routinely:

- for people undergoing dental procedures
- for people undergoing non-dental procedures at the following sites:
  - upper and lower gastrointestinal tract

- genitourinary tract; this includes urological, gynaecological and obstetric procedures, and childbirth
- upper and lower respiratory tract; this includes ear, nose and throat procedures and bronchoscopy.
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The evidence reviews for this guideline covered only procedures at the sites listed in this recommendation. Procedures at other sites are outside the scope of the guideline

Antibiotic Regimens for a Dental Procedure Regimen: Single Dose 30-60 Minutes Before Procedure

Situation	<u>Agent</u>	Adult	<u>Children</u>
Oral	Amoxicillin	2 g	50 mg/kg
Unable to take oral medication	Ampicillin OR	2 g IM or IV	50 mg/kg IM or IV
	Cefazolin or Ceftriaxone	1 g IM or IV	50 mg/kg IM or IV
Allergic to Penicillin or Ampicillin - Oral	Cephalexin*+OR	2 g	50 mg/kg
	Azithromycin or Clarithromycin OR	100 mg	15 mg/kg
	Doxycycline	100 mg	<45 kg, 2.2 mg/kg >45 kg, 100mg
Allergic to Pencillin or Ampicillin and unable to take oral medication	Cefazolin or Ceftriaxone <sup>+</sup>	1 g IM or IV	50 mg/kg IM or IV

Clindamycin is no longer recommended for antibiotic prophylaxis for a delta procedure.

IM indicates intramuscular and IV indicates intravenous.

\*Or other first- or second-generation oral Cephalosporin in equivalent adult or pediatric dosing.

\*Cephalosporins should not be used in an individual with a history of anaphylaxis, angioedema, or urticarial with a history of anaphylaxis, angioedema, or urticarial with penicillin or amppcillin.

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