## PEDIATRIC ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS FOR SURICAL PROCEDURES

PEDIATRIC DOSING GUIDE			Intra-operative re- dosing interval for prolonged procedures or major blood loss (>20 mL/kg)		NEONATAL SECTION First 4 weeks of life or PMA* 44 weeks	
Antibiotic	IV Dose	Maximum Dose	Normal Renal Function	Compromised Renal Function (CrCl <30 mL/min)	Neonatal IV Dose	Intra-operative re-dosing interval
Ampicillin	50 mg/kg	2000 mg	4 hours	8 hours	50 mg/kg (100 mg/kg for meningitis)	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Ampicillin/ Sulbactam (premixed 1g A / 0.5g S)	50 mg/kg (dose per ampicillin)	3.1 grams (3 grams of ampicillin)	4 hours	8 hours	50 mg/kg	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Cefazolin	25 mg/kg	< 80 kg: 1 gram > 80 kg: 2 grams	4 hours	12 hours	25 mg/kg	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Ceftriaxone	25 mg/kg	2000 mg	16 hours	16 hours	N/A	N/A
Cefuroxime	50 mg/kg	1500 mg	4 hours	12 hours	50 mg/kg	12 hrs
Clindamycin	10 mg/kg	600 mg	8 hours	8 hours	7.5 mg/kg	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Ertapenem	15 mg/kg	1000 mg	12 hours	no re-dose	N/A	N/A
Gentamicin**	2 mg/kg	No max	6 hours	12 hours	2.5 mg/kg (or defer to current regimen)	24 hrs (or defer to Neofax)
Levofloxacin	10 mg/kg	750 mg	16 hours	no re-dose	N/A	N/A
Metronidazole	10 mg/kg	500 mg	8 hours	no re-dose	Initial: 15 mg/kg Maintenance: 7.5 mg/kg	24 hrs (12 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Oxacillin	50 mg/kg	2000 mg	6 hours	no re-dose	25 mg/kg (or defer to current regimen)	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Penicillin G	50,000 units/kg	1.2 million units	4 hours	no re-dose	25,000 units/kg	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Piperacillin/ Tazobactam (premixed 1 g P / 0.125 g T)	50 mg/kg (dose per piperacillin)	3.375 grams (3 grams of piperacillin)	6 hours	8 hours	50 mg/kg	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)
Vancomycin	15 mg/kg	2000 mg	12 hours	no re-dose	10 mg/kg	12 hrs (8 hrs if >3 kg & >7 days old)

<sup>\*</sup>PMA (Postmenstrual Age) = Gestational Age + postnatal age (Example: Born at 28 weeks and 21 days old = 31 weeks PMA)
\*\*Tobramycin dosing is equivalent to gentamicin; may be substituted during drug shortages

Operation	Recommended Antibiotic Prophylaxis	Re-dosing Schedule for Prolonged Surgery** (Hours)
Dental, Oral, Respiratory Tract or Esophageal Procedures	Preferred: Ampicillin OR Cefazolin Alternatives: Clindamycin 20 mg/kg IV/PO (Max Dose 600 mg) OR Ceftriaxone	4 / 4 8 16
Cardiothoracic	Preferred: Cefuroxime OR Cefazolin Alternatives: Clindamycin +/- Gentamicin OR Vancomycin +/- Gentamicin	4/4 8/6 12/6
Gastroduodenal, Esophageal (High Risk Only: open procedures, biliary tract)	Preferred: Cefazolin Alternatives: Clindamycin + Gentamicin	4 8 / 6
Colorectal	Preferred: Ertapenem OR Cefazolin + Metronidazole Alternatives: Clindamycin + Gentamicin	12 / 4 / 8 8 / 6
Appendectomy (Non-perforated, non-infected)	Preferred: Ampicillin/Sulbactam Alternatives: Cefazolin +/- Metronidazole	4 4 / 8
Appendectomy (Suspected perforation or suspected or documented infection)	Perferred: Pipercillin/Tazobactam Alternatives: Metronidazole + Gentamicin + Ampicillin	6 8/6/4
Orthopedic Implantation of Joint Devices	Preferred: Cefazolin Alternatives: Clindamycin OR Vancomycin	4 8 / 12
Genitourinary (High-Risk Patients Only)	Preferred: Cefazolin Alternatives: Gentamicin + Metronidazole (or Clindamicin) OR Ampicillin/Sulbactam	4 6/8/8 4
Head and Neck (Hardware Placement or Clean/Contaminated)	Preferred: Cefazolin 30 - 40 mg/kg (Max Dose 2 grams) +/- Metronidazole OR Oxacillin Alternatives: Clindamycin 15 mg/kg (Max Dose 600 mg) +/- Gentamicin	4 8 / 4 8 6
Neurosurgery (Elective Craniotomy or CSF shunting)	Preferred: Cefazolin OR Oxacillin Alternatives: Vancomycin	4 / 4 12
Transplantation (Heart, Lung or Heart & Lung)	Preferred: Cefazolin OR Cefuroxime Alternatives: Vancomycin +/- Gentamicin	4/4 12/6
Transplantation (Liver)	Preferred: Ampicillin/Sulbactam Alternatives: Clindamycin + Gentamicin	4 8/6
Transplantation (Kidney or Kidney & Pancreas)	Preferred: Cefazolin Alternatives: Clindamycin	4 8

**Timing of first dose**: Antibiotics should be initiated no earlier than 60 minute prior to incision (with the exception of vancomycin doses > 2 grams); if the patient is on chronic antibiotic therapy then no first doses are needed.

\*\*Antibiotic re-dosing: Re-dosing should occur if the operation is still in process 2 half-lives after the first dose was administered or if the patient experiences major blood loss. If a patient is on chronic antibiotic therapy then send any scheduled doses to the OR with patient.

Patients with penicillin/cephalosporin allergies: Verify it is a true allergy (e.g. urticaria, pruritus, angioedema, bronchospasm, hypotension or arrhythmia) or serious adverse drug reaction (druginduced hypersensitivity, drug fever or toxic epidermal necrolysis). Cephalosporins may be an appropriate option due to limited crossreactivity with the penicillin class. In case of true allergy, vancomycin or clindamycin may be appropriate alternatives.

## Endocarditis prophylaxis: Only for dental procedures and patients at high risk:

- Prosthetic cardiac valve or prosthetic material used for cardiac valve repair;
- 2. Previous infective endocarditis;
- Unrepaired cyanotic congenital heart disease (CHD), including palliative shunts and conduits; completely repaired congenital heart defect with prosthetic material or device, during the first six months after the procedure; repaired CHD with residual defects at the site of a prosthetic patch or prosthetic device (which inhibit endothelialization); cardiac transplantation recipients who develop cardiac valvulopathy.