

TABLE VI Duration of Antibiotics in Recommendations for Prophylactic Antibiotics Systematically Given to Patients with Open Fractures of Extremities*

Recommended Duration of Antibiotic Administration	Injury Severity Not Specified or for All Levels	Gustilo Type			Extremity†		Soil, Marine, or Severely Contaminated Wounds	Gunshot Velocity		
		I and II	II and III	III	Upper	Lower		Not Specified	Low	High
≤1 day	14 (19.4%)	17 (34.0%)	1 (14.3%)		1 (25.0%)	4 (11.8%)		1 (50%)	1 (16.7%)	
2 to 3 days	5 (6.9%)	17 (34.0%)	2 (28.6%)	17 (37.0%)		13 (38.2%)	6 (14.6%)	1 (50%)	2 (33.3%)	9 (64.3%)
4 to 7 days	3 (4.2%)			10 (21.7%)		1 (2.9%)	4 (9.8%)			
>7 days				1 (2.2%)	1 (25.0%)	3 (8.8%)				
Not specified	50 (69.4%)	16 (32.0%)	4 (57.1%)	18 (39.1%)	2 (50.0%)	13 (38.2%)	31 (75.6%)		3 (50.0%)	5 (35.7%)
Total	72 (100%)	50 (100%)	7 (100%)	46 (100%)	4 (100%)	34 (100%)	41 (100%)	2 (100%)	6 (100%)	14 (100%)

*The values are given as the number of publications, with the percentage in parentheses. †Upper-extremity fractures include open fractures of the radius, humerus, and ulna for all Gustilo types of injury severity. Lower-extremity fractures include open fractures of the tibia, femur, knee, foot and ankle, forefoot, phalanx, and calcaneus for all Gustilo types of injury severity.