

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

Duration of Antibiotics in Practice	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		Low	High
≤1 day	1 (8.3%)	3 (17.6%)			2 (40.0%)	4 (10.5%)			
2 to 3 days	1 (8.3%)	5 (29.4%)	1 (50.0%)	4 (20.0%)		8 (21.1%)			1 (33.3%)
4 to 7 days	1 (8.3%)	3 (17.6%)		2 (10.0%)		7 (18.4%)	1 (50.0%)		
>7 days				2 (10.0%)		5 (13.2%)			
Not specified	9 (75.0%)	6 (35.3%)	1 (50.0%)	12 (60.0%)	3 (60.0%)	14 (36.8%)	1 (50.0%)	1 (100%)	2 (66.7%)
Total	12 (100%)	17 (100%)	2 (100%)	20 (100%)	5 (100%)	38 (100%)	2 (100%)	1 (100%)	3 (100%)

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