

Antibiotic basics for clinicians with point access codes the abcs of choosing

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How to choose the right antibiotic?

What are the basics of antibiotics? Antibiotics are compounds that target bacteria and, thus, are intended to treat and prevent bacterial infections. This activity will examine the various classes of antibiotics, their mechanisms of action, bacterial susceptibilities, and potential adverse events.

What are the factors in choosing appropriate antibiotic agents? The dosage and route of administration are important considerations when selecting an antimicrobial to treat and infection. Other considerations include the patient's age, mass, ability to take oral medications, liver and kidney function, and possible interactions with other drugs the patient may be taking.

What is the strongest antibiotic for bacterial infection? Vancomycin is used to treat serious bacterial infections. It is an antibiotic that works by stopping the growth of bacteria.

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What are the 7 types of antibiotics with examples? In this portal, antibiotics are classified into one of the following classes: penicillins, fluoroquinolones,

cephalosporins, macrolides, beta-lactams with increased activity (e.g. amoxicillin-clavulanate), tetracyclines, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, lincosamides (e.g. clindamycin), urinary anti-infectives, and other ...

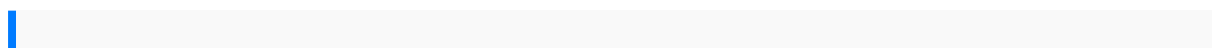
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What is the approach to choosing antibiotics? Antibiotic selection is mostly empirical, i.e. the antibiotic is selected without knowledge of the antimicrobial drug susceptibility profile of the causal pathogen [5, 6]. Antibiotic selection is guided by bacterial resistance rates, which change frequently and rapidly, often without the awareness of physicians [7].

What is the first line antibiotic for a bacterial infection? Amoxicillin and penicillin remain first-line therapy due to their reliable antibiotic activity against GAS. For penicillin-allergic patients, cephalexin, cefadroxil, clindamycin, or macrolides are recommended.

What is the most recommended antibiotic?



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