



## TREATMENT OF OCULAR INFECTIONS IN HOSPITALIZED ADULTS

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<p><b>Periorbital Cellulitis</b></p> <p>Severe infection warranting hospital admission, or failing outpatient oral antibiotics</p> <p><i>Staphylococcus aureus</i></p> <p><i>Streptococcus pneumonia</i></p> <p><i>Streptococcus milleri group</i></p> <p><i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i></p> <p><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i></p> <p><i>Oral anaerobes</i></p>	<p><u>1st line:</u>  <b>Vancomycin</b> (see <a href="#">nomogram</a>, AUC goal 400-600)*            + <b>Ampicillin-sulbactam</b> 3 g IV q6h*</p> <p><u>Low-to-High Risk PCN Allergy (including anaphylaxis)#:</u>  <b>Vancomycin</b> IV (see <a href="#">nomogram</a>, AUC goal 400-600)*            + <b>Ceftriaxone</b> 2 g IV q24h</p> <p><u>Severe non-IgE PCN Allergy (e.g. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, DRESS)#:</u>  <b>Vancomycin</b> IV (see <a href="#">nomogram</a>, AUC goal 400-600)*            + <b>Aztreonam</b> 2 g IV q8h*</p> <p>Recommend the addition of anaerobic coverage with <b>metronidazole</b> 500 mg PO q8h <u>if dental infection presumed to be initial source</u> in the setting of PCN allergy and regimen without ampicillin-sulbactam.</p> <p><u>Alternative for vancomycin allergy or intolerance (not vancomycin infusion reaction):</u>  <b>Linezolid</b> 600 mg PO/IV q12h            + <b>other antibiotic as listed above</b></p>	<p>Transition to oral antibiotics can be considered if significant improvement within 24-48 hours.</p> <p>Antibiotic duration for severe periorbital cellulitis is typically about 10 days but should be guided by clinical resolution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># See <a href="#">Appendix</a> for further details, including options for patients with purported cephalosporin allergies. Consult the Beta-Lactam Allergy Evaluation Service (BLAES) to assess patients with purported <math>\beta</math>-lactam allergies. &gt; 90% of patients can be de-labelled.</li> <li>Appropriately tailor therapy based on culture results, if obtained.</li> <li>For culture negative or not obtained, transition to oral therapy when patient is afebrile with clinical improvement and hemodynamically stable for 48 hours:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>1<sup>st</sup> line:</u>  <b>Amoxicillin-clavulanate</b> 875 mg BID*                    + <b>Linezolid</b> 600 mg PO BID</li> <li><u>PCN Allergy:</u>  <b>Levofloxacin</b> 750 mg PO daily*                    + <b>Linezolid</b> 600 mg PO BID</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Linezolid is contraindicated in patients on MAO-I. It can be used, with caution, in pts on other serotonergic agents. See <a href="#">SSRI &amp; Linezolid Education</a></p>

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<p><b>Endophthalmitis prophylaxis in patients with penetrating trauma to the globe of the eye (open globe)</b></p> <p><i>Staphylococcus spp</i></p> <p><i>Streptococcus spp</i></p> <p><i>Bacillus cereus</i></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> line:  <b>Moxifloxacin</b> 400 mg IV/PO q24h</p>	<p>To 48 hours post repair.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endophthalmitis prophylaxis is warranted in patients with penetrating trauma to the globe of the eye.</li> <li>Prophylaxis regimen should be the same whether prophylaxis is initiated pre- or post- repair.</li> <li>The major difference in spectrum between levofloxacin and moxifloxacin is a lack of activity against <i>Pseudomonas</i> with moxifloxacin. While moxifloxacin is more potent in vitro against <i>Staphylococcus</i> and <i>Streptococcus</i>, the clinical relevance is unclear.</li> </ul>

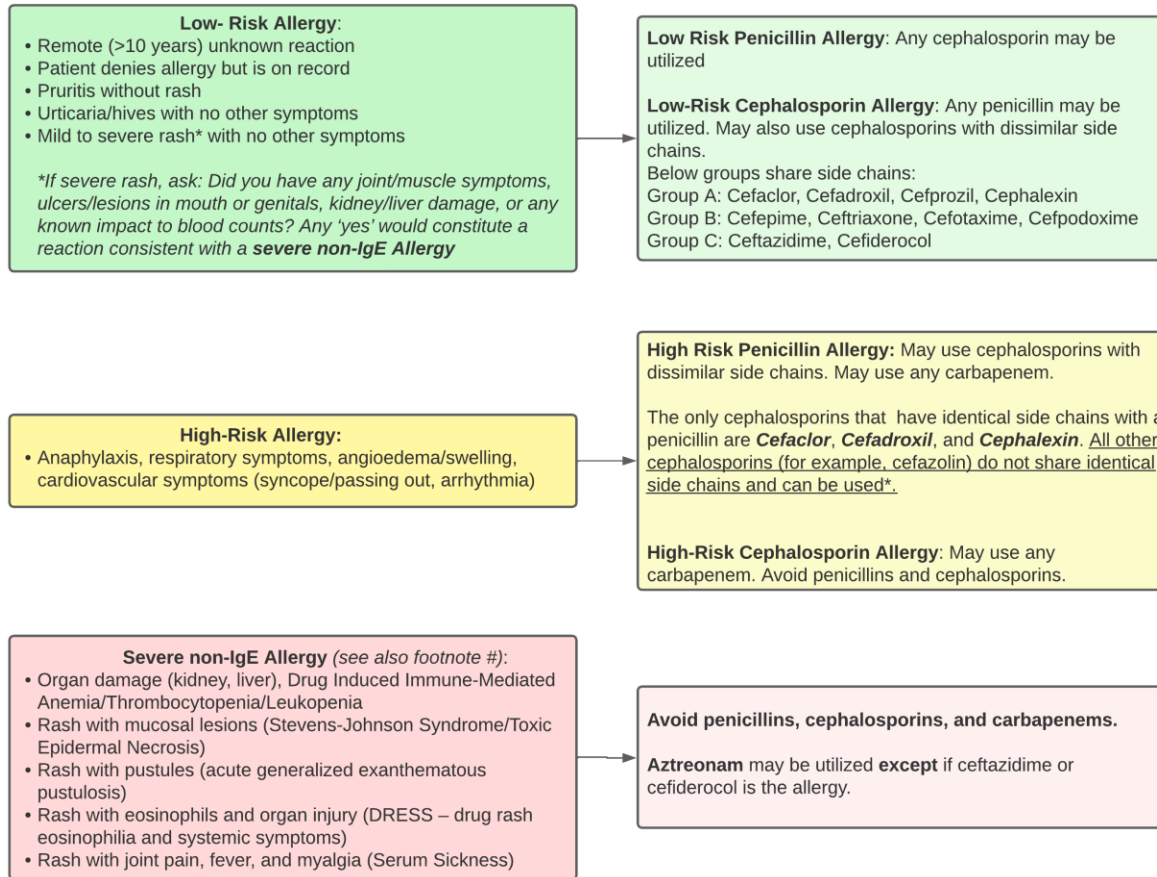
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<p><b>Bacterial Endophthalmitis</b></p> <p>Post-surgical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>S. epidermidis</i> (60-70%)</li> <li>• <i>S. aureus</i>, streptococci, and enterococci (5%–10%)</li> <li>• Gram-negative species (~5%)</li> <li>• <i>P. acnes</i> (delayed disease)</li> </ul> <p>Post-traumatic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staphylococci, streptococci, <i>B cereus</i></li> </ul> <p>Endogenous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endocarditis is the source in 40% of cases</li> <li>• Staphylococci, gram-negative bacilli, streptococci</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Ophthalmology and Infectious Diseases consultation is strongly recommended</u></b></p> <p>Treatment for <u>endogenous endophthalmitis</u> usually consists of a combination of intravitreal and systemic antibiotics. Systemic antibiotics should be targeted towards the infecting pathogen, by the direction of the Infectious Diseases consult service. Systemic antibiotics with adequate intravitreal penetration are recommended (see comments).</p> <p><u>Post-surgical and post-traumatic endophthalmitis</u> is usually treated with intravitreal antibiotics alone. If systemic antibiotics are deemed necessary, the below empiric regimens are recommended (in combination with intravitreal antibiotics). Definitive treatment should be based on results of culture, as available.</p> <p>Intravitreal antibiotics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>vancomycin</b> 1 mg/0.1 mL (0.1 mL) intravitreal</li> <li>2. <b>ceftazidime</b> 2.25 mg/0.1 mL (0.1 mL) intravitreal</li> <li>3. <b>amikacin</b> 0.4 mg/0.1 mL (0.1 mL); instead of ceftazidime if PCN allergy</li> </ol> <p><u>1st line:</u> <u>No PCN Allergy or Low-to-High Risk PCN Allergy (including anaphylaxis)#:</u> <b>Vancomycin</b> IV (see <a href="#">nomogram</a>, AUC goal 400-600)* + <b>Cefepime</b> 2 g IV q8h*</p> <p><u>Severe non-IgE PCN Allergy (e.g. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, DRESS)#:</u> <b>Vancomycin</b> IV (see <a href="#">nomogram</a>, AUC goal 400-600)* + <b>Levofloxacin</b> 750 mg IV/PO q24h*</p> <p><u>Alternative for vancomycin allergy or intolerance (not vancomycin infusion reaction):</u> <b>Linezolid</b> 600 mg PO/IV q12h + <b>other antibiotic as listed above</b></p>	<p><u>Post-surgical and post-traumatic infection:</u> Minimum 7-10 days; dependent on resolution of findings</p> <p><u>Endogenous infection:</u> Should be based on duration required to treat endogenous source</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # See <a href="#">Appendix</a> for further details, including options for patients with purported cephalosporin allergies. Consult the Beta-Lactam Allergy Evaluation Service (BLAES) to assess patients with purported <math>\beta</math>-lactam allergies. &gt;90% of patients are able to be de-labelled.</li> <li>• A general rule is that agents that readily penetrate the central nervous system also penetrate the vitreous. Intravenous administration of beta-lactams is necessary to achieve therapeutic levels. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation cephalosporins are preferred over 1<sup>st</sup> generation agents. Levofloxacin, moxifloxacin and linezolid also rapidly achieve therapeutic levels. The difficulty in reliably (rapidly) achieving therapeutic concentrations with systemic antibiotics necessitates early intravitreal therapy in ALL patients.</li> <li>• If intravitreal therapy is not able to be administered, this should be communicated to Infectious Diseases so that the need for a brief course of antibiotics which do rapidly penetrate the vitreous (linezolid, quinolones) may be considered prior to transitioning to the listed empiric/definitive regimens.</li> <li>• Linezolid is contraindicated in patients on MAO-I. It can be used, with caution, in pts on other serotonergic agents. See <a href="#">SSRI &amp; Linezolid Education</a></li> </ul>

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<p><i>Candida</i> Endophthalmitis</p>	<p><b><u>Ophthalmology and Infectious Diseases consultation is strongly recommended</u></b></p> <p><u>Intravitreal antifungal therapy:</u>  <b>Voriconazole</b> 100 micrograms/0.1 mL (0.1 mL) <b>OR</b>  <b>Amphotericin B</b> 5 micrograms/0.1 mL (0.1 mL)</p> <p><u>Empiric systemic antifungal therapy, <i>Candida</i> suspected/confirmed:</u>            Note: Therapy may include <b>Micafungin</b> in addition to the below. See comment.  <b>Fluconazole</b> 1,600 mg X 1, then 800 mg IV/PO daily*</p> <p><u>Empiric systemic therapy, <i>Candida</i> species confirmed, susceptibilities pending:</u>  <i>Candida albicans, Candida dubliniensis, Candida parapsilosis, Candida tropicalis, Candida lusitaniae, C. glabrata</i>  <b>Fluconazole</b> 1,600 mg X 1, then 800 mg IV/PO daily*</p> <p><i>C. krusei:</i>  <b>Voriconazole</b> 6 mg/kg PO/IV q12h x2 doses, then 4 mg/kg PO/IV q12h</p> <p><u>Definitive systemic therapy:</u>  <i>Candida albicans, Candida dubliniensis, Candida parapsilosis, Candida tropicalis, Candida lusitaniae</i>            Fluconazole 800 mg IV/PO daily* if susceptible</p> <p><i>C. krusei:</i>  <b>Voriconazole</b> 6 mg/kg PO/IV q12h x2 doses, then 4 mg/kg PO/IV q12h if susceptible</p> <p><i>C. glabrata:</i>  <b>Fluconazole</b> 1,600 mg X 1, then 800 mg IV/PO daily* if fluconazole MIC ≤ 4</p> <p><i>Fluconazole resistant isolates and C. glabrata isolates with elevated MICs as defined above:</i>  <b>Liposomal amphotericin B</b> (3 - 5 mg/kg IV daily)  <b>+ Flucytosine</b> (25 mg/kg PO QID)* IF SUSCEPTIBLE</p>	<p><u><i>Candida:</i></u>            Typically, 4-6 weeks.</p> <p>Duration is dependent on resolution of eye lesions based on serial examination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment consists of a combination of intravitreal and systemic antifungal therapy</li> <li>• <b>Micafungin is not recommended for the treatment of endophthalmitis due to poor vitreous penetration, thus fluconazole/voriconazole should be added, as appropriate per the treatment algorithm, if micafungin is being used for the treatment of candidiasis/candidemia. See <a href="#">candidemia guidelines</a>.</b></li> <li>• <a href="#">Antimicrobial Dosing guidelines</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Weight-based dosing recommendations for adult obese patients</a></li> <li>• Therapeutic drug monitoring is recommended for voriconazole. Please see <a href="#">Recommendations for Therapeutic Drug Monitoring of Antifungal Agents</a></li> <li>• Numerous significant drug interactions occur with azole antifungals. A comprehensive review of the patient profile should be undertaken when these agents are initiated and discontinued.</li> <li>• <b>For scenarios outside those listed (i.e., <i>C. albicans</i> resistant to fluconazole or concern for <i>Aspergillus</i> or other non-<i>Candida</i> fungi), please consult Infectious Diseases</b></li> </ul>

\*Dose may need to be adjusted for renal dysfunction. See [renal dosing guidelines](#).

**APPENDIX: Strategies for safe use of beta-lactams in patients with purported beta-lactam allergies.**

Full Guideline available at: [https://www.med.umich.edu/asp/pdf/adult\\_guidelines/Beta-lactam-Evaluation-and-Empiric.pdf](https://www.med.umich.edu/asp/pdf/adult_guidelines/Beta-lactam-Evaluation-and-Empiric.pdf)



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The recommendations in this guide are meant to serve as treatment guidelines for use at Michigan Medicine facilities. If you are an individual experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 immediately. These guidelines should not replace a provider's professional medical advice based on clinical judgment, or be used in lieu of an Infectious Diseases consultation when necessary. As a result of ongoing research, practice guidelines may from time to time change. The authors of these guidelines have made all attempts to ensure the accuracy based on current information, however, due to ongoing research, users of these guidelines are strongly encouraged to confirm the information contained within them through an independent source.

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