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Antimicrobial Prophylaxis for Elective Surgical Procedures, ADULT

Updated consensus recommendations of the Surgical Infection Prevention Guideline Writers Workgroup:

A. Optimal time to give a prophylactic antibiotic is to start infusion 30 minutes before induction of anesthesia.

 Two exceptions: Vancomycin and quinolones (require infusion \geq 60 minutes)

B. **Prophylactic Antibiotics Discontinued within 24 Hours after Surgery End Time******

| <u>Surgical procedure</u> | <u>Antimicrobial recommendations</u> |
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| Abdominal or vaginal hysterectomy | Cefazolin, Cefuroxime, Cefotetan or Ampicillin-Sulbactam^a; Beta-lactam allergy: clindamycin + aminoglycoside or clindamycin + quinolone (levofloxacin or ciprofloxacin) or clindamycin + aztreonam or metronidazole + aminoglycoside or metronidazole + quinolone (levofloxacin or ciprofloxacin) |
| Hip or knee arthroplasty | Cefazolin or Cefuroxime; Beta-lactam allergy: vancomycin or clindamycin High risk for MRSA: vancomycin ^d |
| Cardiothoracic and vascular surgery | Cefazolin or Cefuroxime; Beta-lactam allergy: vancomycin or clindamycin High risk for MRSA: vancomycin ^d |
| Colorectal surgery^e | Cefotetan, ampicillin-sulbactam^a, ertapenem, OR cefazolin + metronidazole, or cefuroxime + metronidazole Beta-lactam allergy: clindamycin + aminoglycoside or clindamycin + quinolone (levofloxacin or ciprofloxacin) or clindamycin + aztreonam or metronidazole + aminoglycoside or metronidazole + quinolone (levofloxacin or ciprofloxacin) |

NOTE: MRSA= methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

^a Although there is little evidence that antibiotic prophylaxis prevents endocarditis, if the clinician decides to provide endocarditis prophylaxis for a patient having surgery, a drug that will inhibit growth of *Enterococcus* species should be used.

^d For the purposes of national performance measurement in the Surgical Infection Prevention Project & the Surgical Care Improvement Project, use of vancomycin for surgical prophylaxis, in the absence of a documented b-lactam allergy, will require a physician-documented rationale in the medical record.

^e For the purposes of national performance measurement, a case will pass the antibiotic selection indicator for colorectal surgery if the patient receives oral prophylaxis alone, parenteral prophylaxis alone, or oral prophylaxis combined with parenteral prophylaxis.

Dosing guidelines:

90kg = 198lbs

| | \leq 90kg | >90kg | PEDs | Direct [#] | Admin over IVPB | Suggested Redose* |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ampicillin-Sulbactam | 1.5 grams | 3 grams | 50mg/kg AMP | - | 30 min | 2-3 hours |
| Aztreonam | 1 gram | 2 grams | 30mg/kg | 5 min | 30-60 min | 3-5 hours |
| Cefazolin | 1 gram | 2 grams | 25-50mg/kg | 5 min | 30 min | 2-3 hours |
| Cefotetan | 1 gram | 2 grams | 40mg/kg | | 30 min | 4-6 hours |
| Cefuroxime | 750 mg | 1.5 grams | 25-50mg/kg | 5 min | 30 min | 3-4 hours |
| Ciprofloxacin | 400 mg | 400 mg | N/A | - | 60 min | 4-10 hours |
| Clindamycin | 600 mg | 900 mg | 10mg/kg | - | 30 min | 3-6 hours |
| Ertapenem | 1 gram | 1 gram | N/A | | 30 min | 8-12 hours |
| Gentamicin | 1.5 mg/kg | 1.5 mg/kg | 1.5mg/kg | - | 30 min | 3-6 hours |
| Levofloxacin | 250-500 mg | 250-750 mg | N/A | - | 60-90 min | 8-12 hours |
| Metronidazole | 500 mg | 1000 mg | 7.5mg/kg | | 60 min | 6-8 hours |
| Tobramycin | 1.5 mg/kg | 1.5 mg/kg | 1.5mg/kg | | 30 min | 3-6 hours |
| Vancomycin | 15 mg/kg | 15 mg/kg | 10mg/kg | | 90 min | 6-12 hours |

[#]Direct injection: injected directly into vein or Intravenous fluids

 *Perioperative: Also redose if \geq 1500mL of blood loss or hemodilution