Table 8. Adult parenteral antimicrobial dosage guidelines

Antibiotic	Usual Dosages[a]
ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS	
Penicillins	
ampicillin	1-2 g q4-6h
cloxacillin	2 g q4-6h
penicillin G	2-4 million units q4-6h
piperacillin-tazobactam	3.375 g q6h
meropenem	500 mg q6h
Cephalosporins	
cefazolin	1-2 g q8h
cefuroxime	0.75-1.5 g q8h
ceftriaxone	1-2 g q24h
ceftazidime	1-2 g q8h
Fluoroquinolones	
ciprofloxacin	400 mg q12h
levofloxacin	500-750 mg q24h
moxifloxacin	400 mg q24h
Macrolides	
azithromycin	500 mg q24h
Aminoglycosides	
gentamicin or tobramycin	80 mg q8h
Others	
clindamycin	600 mg q8h
cotrimoxazole (TMP-SMX)	10-20 mg/kg/day trimethoprim in divided doses q6-8h
metronidazole	500 mg q8h
vancomycin	1 g q12h or 15 mg/kg q12h
ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS	
amphotericin B	0.5-1 mg/kg q24h
fluconazole	100-400 mg q24h
caspofungin	70 mg load then 50 mg q24h
ANTIVIRAL AGENTS	
acyclovir	5-10 mg/kg/dose q8h
ganciclovir	5 mg/kg/dose q12h

[a] Based on normal renal function in a 70 kg patient.

Table 9. Parenteral to oral conversion suggestions

Parenteral Drug	Oral Therapy Options[a]
ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS	
Penicillins	
ampicillin	amoxicillin
cloxacillin	cloxacillin or cephalexin
penicillin G	penicillin V
piperacillin-tazobactam	amoxicillin-clavulanate or cotrimoxazole (TMP-SMX) +/- metronidazole or ciprofloxacin +/- metronidazole
Cephalosporins	
cefazolin	cephalexin or cloxacillin
cefuroxime	cotrimoxazole or amoxicillin-clavulanate or azithromycin/clarithromycin
ceftriaxone	amoxicillin-clavulanate or cephalexin or ciprofloxacin/levofloxacin/moxifloxacin
ceftazidime	ciprofloxacin
Fluoroquinolones	
ciprofloxacin	ciprofloxacin
levofloxacin	levofloxacin
moxifloxacin	moxifloxacin
Macrolides	
azithromycin	azithromycin
Others	
clindamycin	cloxacillin +/- metronidazole or cephalexin +/- metronidazole or clindamycin
ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS	
fluconazole	fluconazole
ANTIVIRAL AGENTS	
acyclovir	acyclovir or valacyclovir

[a] Patients should be clinically stable, demonstrate clinical improvement, and be able to tolerate oral feeding and medications. Selection of oral therapy should be based on cultures and sensitivities. In absence of useful cultures, oral therapy may be selected based on potential pathogens, community- versus hospital-acquired infection, pharmacokinetics, spectrum of activity, and cost of each oral agent. Oral agents listed above represent those currently on the WRHA Formulary and does not represent all commercially available oral agents.

Table 10. Adult parenteral dosing recommendations in renal impairment[a]

Drug	Creatinine Clearance (CrCl) in mL/min[b] (suggested dosage adjustment based on normal dose)			
Penicillins				
ampicillin	> 30 (q6h)	10-30 (q6-12h)	< 10 (q12h)	
cloxacillin	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
penicillin	> 50 (q4-6h)	10-50 (q6-8h)	< 10 (20-50% of usual dose)[a]	
piperacillin-tazobactam	> 40 (q6h)	20-40 (q8h)	< 20 (q12h)	
Carbapenems				
meropenem	> 50 (q6h)	30-49 (q8h)	10-29 (q12h)	< 10 (q24h)
Cephalosporins				
cefazolin	> 50 (q8h)	10-50 (q12h)	< 10 (q24h)	
cefuroxime	> 20 (q8h)	10-20 (q12h)	< 10 (q24h)	
ceftriaxone	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
ceftazidime	> 50 (q8h)	30-50 (q12h)	10-30 (q24h)	< 10 (50% q24-48h)
Aminoglycosides[c]				
gentamicin/ tobramycin/ amikacin	Contact the Pharmacist at your facility for dosing assistance			
Fluoroquinolones				
ciprofloxacin	> 30 (q12h)	< 30 (q24h)		
levofloxacin (e.g. CAP)	> 50 (q24h)	20-49 (500 mg load, then 50% q24h)	10-19 (500 mg load, then 50% q48h)	
moxifloxacin	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
Macrolides				
azithromycin	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
Antifungal Agents				
fluconazole	> 50 (q24h)	20-50 (50% q24h)	< 20 (25% of usual dose q24h)	
caspofungin	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
Antiviral Agents				
acyclovir	> 50 (q8h)	25-50 (q12h)	10-25 (q24h)	< 10 (50% q24h)
ganciclovir (induction doses)	50-69 2.5 mg/kg q12h	25-49 2.5 mg/kg q24h	10-25 1.25 mg/kg q24h	< 10 1.25 mg/kg 3x/wk
Miscellaneous				
clindamycin	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
metronidazole	NO CHANGE NECESSARY			
cotrimoxazole (TMP-SMX)	> 25 (q6-8h)	15-25 (50% q6-8h)	< 15 (2.5-5 mg/kg, generally not recommended)[a]	
vancomycin[c]	Contact the Pharmacist at your facility for dosing assistance			

[a] Suggested dosages – for individualized dosage modifications or more information contact the Pharmacy Department at your facility.

[b] To estimate creatinine clearance (CL_{CR}) (mL/min) use the following calculation normalized for a 72 kilogram person.

CL_{CR} male = $\frac{(140\text{-age}) \times 88.4}{S_{CR}\ (\mu moles/L)}$ CL_{CR} female = 0.85 x CL_{CR} male

[c] Monitor serum concentrations.

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HOW TO USE THE ANTIBIOGRAM PORTION OF THE GUIDE (Tables 1-6)

- The information presented in the antibiogram is intended only to guide initial empiric anti-infective agent therapy in the Southern Health Regional Health Authority.
- Initial broad-spectrum empiric therapy should be focused to the most appropriate narrow-spectrum agent(s) based on the laboratory identification of pathogen(s) and known susceptibility patterns/results, if the situation permits.
- Consideration should be given to equally efficacious but less expensive anti-infective agents for empiric therapy or when streamlining of therapy is desired, if the situation permits.

SUGGESTED CRITERIA FOR IV TO ORAL ANTIBIOTIC CONVERSION IN ADULTS

- Clinical improvement of infectious signs and symptoms (e.g., temperature defervescence, decreased white blood cell count).
- Patient is clinically stable (excludes patients in the intensive care unit, patients with febrile neutropenia, or patients with life threatening infections).
- Patient can tolerate oral feeding and medications (bowel sounds, no diarrhea/nausea/vomiting).
- For rapid step-down, choose agents with high bioavailability (e.g., clindamycin, cotrimoxazole (TMP-SMX), fluoroquinolones).
- If anti-infective agent susceptibilities are known, anti-infective therapy should be tailored based on available data.

Table 1. In vitro activity of selected anti-infective agents tested against Gram-negative bacilli[a]

Organism (number tested): January to December 2023	Percent Susceptible															
= Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Ampicillin	Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Cefazolin	Cephalexin[b]	Cefuroxime	Ceftriaxone	Ceftazidime	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Gentamicin	Tobramycin	Ciprofloxacin	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Nitrofurantoin[c]
Citrobacter spp. (32)			84				75	78	100	100	87	90	63	84	84
Enterobacter cloacae complex (76)			81				80	83	92	100	100	99	97	92	57
Escherichia coli (1703) total	60	88	98	77	n.d.		94	96	100	100	93	92	80	82	98
Escherichia coli (125) systemic	51	86	95	64			84	92	100	100	89	88	74	80	
Escherichia coli (2094) urine	58	88	98	74	n.d.		94	96	100	100	92	92	80	81	98
Haemophilus influenzae (158)[d]	80	n.d.				n.d.								65	
Klebsiella pneumoniae (231)		92	97	86	n.d.		94	94	99	99	98	98	91	92	39
Klebsiella/Raoultella spp. (94)[e]		89	93	18			94	100	100	100	100	100	97	99	81
Proteus mirabilis (122)	84	98	100	n.d.	n.d.		94	94	100	100	91	91	90	84	
Pseudomonas aeruginosa (170)			90					89		93		100	88		

[a] Isolates tested and reported are from all sources combined, Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2023 with the exception of *Escherichia coli* (subdivided into systemic isolates and urine isolates); data compiled according to the recommendations of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) in their document M39, 5th ed. (2022).

[b] Cephalexin is only indicated for the treatment of uncomplicated lower urinary tract infections.

[c] Nitrofurantoin is only indicated for acute cystitis.

[d] *H. influenzae* data obtained from isolates tested at Health Sciences Centre, Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2023. Only 134 isolates were tested for Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole. Data from adult and pediatric patients.

[e] The current laboratory identification system is unable to differentiate *Klebsiella oxytoca* from *Raoultella* spp.

n.d. = no data – absence of data for certain drug-organism combinations reflects limitations of the testing method currently used by Shared Health Clinical Microbiology laboratories.

Table 2. In vitro activity of selected anti-infective agents tested against Gram-positive cocci[a]

Organism (number tested): January to December 2023	Percent Susceptible														
= Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Penicillin	Ampicillin	Oxacillin[b]	Vancomycin	Daptomycin	High-Level Gentamicin[c]	High-Level Streptomycin[c]	Erythromycin[d]	Clindamycin	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Rifampin[e]	Linezolid	Tetracycline	Levofloxacin	Nitrofurantoin[f]
Enterococcus spp. (430)		97		99	n.d.	91	89					n.d.			95
Staphylococcus aureus (593)			78	100	100			67	84	98	99	100	98		99
Staphylococcus epidermidis (95)			58	100	100			55	73	69	100	100	85		99
Staphylococcus lugdunensis (60)			98	100	100			95	95	100	100	100	100		100
Streptococcus pyogenes (100)[g] (Group A *Streptococcus*)	100			100					82					99	
Streptococcus agalactiae (148)[h] (Group B *Streptococcus*)	100			100					64						

[a] Isolates tested and reported are from all sources (surveillance isolates excluded), Jan to Dec, 2023; data compiled according to the recommendations of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) in their document M39, 5th ed. (2022).

[b] Oxacillin accurately predicts the activity of all semi-synthetic penicillins, including cloxacillin, beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor combinations, cephalosporins, and carbapenems for *Staphylococcus aureus* and coagulase-negative staphylococci.

[c] Susceptibility to high-level gentamicin or high-level streptomycin indicates that these agents can be used in combination with a cell wall active agent (e.g. ampicillin or vancomycin) for synergy. Gentamicin and streptomycin should never be used alone as treatment for *Enterococcus* spp.

[d] Erythromycin activity predicts the activity of azithromycin and clarithromycin for staphylococci and streptococci.

[e] Rifampin should NOT be used alone as treatment for infection.

[f] Nitrofurantoin is indicated for acute cystitis only.

[g] *Streptococcus pyogenes* isolates were obtained from wound and sterile site specimens submitted to Shared Health Clinical Microbiology laboratories between January and December, 2023.

[h] *Streptococcus agalactiae* isolates were obtained from vaginal/rectal swabs submitted for Group B *Streptococcus* detection to the Health Sciences Centre, St. Boniface Hospital, and Westman Laboratory in 2022.

n.d. = no data – absence of data for certain drug-organism combinations reflects limitations of the testing method currently used by Shared Health Clinical Microbiology laboratories.

Table 3. In vitro activity of selected anti-infective agents tested against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*[a]

Infection Type (number tested)	Percent Susceptible							
= Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Penicillin (oral)	Penicillin (intravenous)	Ceftriaxone	Vancomycin	Levofloxacin	Clarithromycin	Doxycycline	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole
Systemic Isolates (Blood + CSF)[b]								
Meningitis (218)		79	95	100				87
Non-Meningitis infection (218)	79	98	99	100	100	n.d.	n.d.	87
Respiratory Isolates[c]								
Non-Meningitis infection (40)	78	95	98	100	100	68	83	80

[a] For *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, different susceptibility breakpoints for penicillin and ceftriaxone exist depending on whether meningitis or a non-meningitis infection is being treated [CLSI, M100, 33rd edition]. For penicillin, when treating a non-meningitis infection different breakpoints exist for oral and intravenous dosing. For non-meningitis infections, susceptibility to oral penicillin predicts susceptibility to amoxicillin. Oral agents are not appropriate for the treatment of bacterial meningitis.

[b] Systemic isolates were obtained from the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) and St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) clinical microbiology laboratories between January and December, 2023. CSF = cerebrospinal fluid.

[c] Respiratory isolates were obtained from patients at the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) and St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) between January and December, 2018.

n.d. = no data.

Table 4. In vitro activity of selected anti-infective agents tested against Methicillin-Susceptible and Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* isolates[a]

Organism (number tested)	Percent Susceptible							
= Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Oxacillin[b]	Vancomycin	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Erythromycin	Clindamycin	Tetracycline	Linezolid	Daptomycin
Methicillin-Susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (477)	100		98	80	83	98		
Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (143)	0	100	96	23	86	98	100	100

[a] Isolates tested and reported are from all sources (surveillance isolates excluded), Jan to Dec, 2023; data compiled according to the recommendations of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) in their document M39, 5th ed. (2022).

[b] Oxacillin accurately predicts the activity of all semi-synthetic penicillins, including cloxacillin, beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor combinations, cephalosporins, and carbapenems for *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Table 5. In vitro activity of selected anti-infective agents tested against anaerobic isolates collected from hospitals in Winnipeg[a]

Organism (number tested)	Percent Susceptible					
= Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Penicillin	Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Clindamycin	Meropenem	Metronidazole
Bacteroides fragilis (108)		93	n.d.	44	93	100
Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron (37)		94	n.d.	14	97	100
Prevotella bivia (54)	7	100	n.d.	32	100	96
Prevotella disiens (34)	32	97	n.d.	18	100	100

[a] Isolates were obtained from WRHA hospitals between Jan 2019 and Dec 2020; data compiled according to the recommendations of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) in their document M39, 5th ed. (2022).

n.d. = no data – absence of data for certain drug-organism combinations reflects limitations of the testing method currently used by Shared Health Clinical Microbiology laboratories.

Table 6. In vitro activity of selected anti-fungal agents tested against *Candida* species collected from hospitals in Winnipeg[a, b]

Organism (number tested)	Percent Susceptible		
	Fluconazole[c]	Voriconazole	Micafungin
Candida albicans (33)	100	100	100
Candida glabrata (44)	98	n.d.	100

[a] Data obtained by testing a random sample of *C. albicans* isolates from Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface Hospital, collected between Jan 2017 and Dec 2018. Susceptibility interpretations are based on updated CLSI breakpoints (M27M44, 3rd Edition). Isolates tested and reported are from blood only.

[b] Data obtained by testing *C. glabrata* isolates from Shared Health Clinical Microbiology laboratories, collected between Jan and Dec 2023. Susceptibility interpretations are based on updated CLSI breakpoints (M27M44, 3rd Edition). Isolates tested and reported are from blood only.

[c] For fluconazole, there is only a susceptible-dose dependent (SDD) breakpoint for *C. glabrata*. The percentage of *C. glabrata* isolates that tested SDD to fluconazole was 98%. Susceptibility of SDD isolates to fluconazole is dependent on achieving the maximum blood level possible (i.e., should use the maximum dosage regimen). Consultation with infectious diseases is recommended for further guidance.

n.d. = breakpoints have not been defined for voriconazole versus *C. glabrata*.

Table 7. Adult oral antimicrobial dosage guidelines

Antibiotic	Usual Dosages	Cost ($) per day[a]
ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS		
Penicillins		
amoxicillin	500 mg tid	1.10
amoxicillin-clavulanate	500 mg tid or 875 mg bid	2.75–3.00
cloxacillin	500 mg qid	1.50
penicillin V	300 mg qid	0.30
Cephalosporins		
cephalexin	500 mg qid	1.80
Macrolides		
azithromycin	250–500 mg daily	1.25–2.50
clarithromycin	250–500 mg bid	2.25–3.25
Fluoroquinolones		
ciprofloxacin	250–750 mg bid	1.40–2.50
levofloxacin	500–750 mg daily	3.50–6.50
moxifloxacin	400 mg daily	1.50
Others		
clindamycin	450–600 mg tid	1.50–3.00
cotrimoxazole (TMP-SMX)	1 DS (double strength) tab bid	0.25
doxycycline	100 mg bid	1.30
nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)	100 mg bid	1.50
metronidazole	500 mg tid	0.35
ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS		
fluconazole	100–400 mg daily	5.55–22.20
itraconazole	200–400 mg daily	8.00–16.00
ANTIVIRAL AGENTS		
acyclovir	200–800 mg 5x/day	5.00–16.00
valacyclovir	1 g tid	5.25

[a] Approximate cost per inpatient day excluding dispensing costs as of February 2017 based on the Manitoba Drug Interchangeability Formulary and Manufacturer's List Prices. Prices have been rounded.