

Selecting Antimicrobial Agent(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review pathogen history</li> <li>Review for recent exposure to antimicrobial agents</li> </ul>	MDRO Risk Factors (Consider ID Consultation*) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior history of MDROs</li> <li>Residence in LTAC/SNF</li> </ul>
<p><b>Severe or Type 1 PCN Allergy:</b> edema, bronchospasm, laryngospasm, anaphylaxis, immediate urticaria. Severe PCN allergy is <b>NOT</b> a contraindication to receiving 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> generation cephalosporins as true cross-reactivity is likely &lt;1% as suggested by current data. Studies have demonstrated safe use of higher generation cephalosporins in patients with severe PCN allergies including anaphylaxis. Cross-reactivity with carbapenems is also likely minimal.</p>	

\*Particularly for patients with history of carbapenem-resistant organisms (e.g. KPC, CRE) given high associated mortality and the recommended regimens below may or may not provide adequate coverage for such organisms.

Suspected Source	Preferred Empiric Regimen	PCN Allergy, including Severe or Type 1
<b>Community acquired pneumonia (CAP)</b>	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV Q24H + Doxycycline <sup>1</sup> 100 mg IV Q12H	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV Q24H + Doxycycline <sup>1</sup> 100 mg IV Q12H
<b>CAP with Pseudomonas Risk<sup>2</sup></b>	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Doxycycline <sup>1</sup> 100 mg IV Q12H	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Doxycycline <sup>1</sup> 100 mg IV Q12H
<b>Nosocomial Pneumonia HCAP/HAP/VAP</b>	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Nosocomial Pneumonia, MDRO Risk</b>	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Urinary Tract</b>	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV Q24H +/- Gentamicin per pharmacy	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV Q24H +/- Gentamicin per pharmacy
<b>Urinary Tract, MDRO Risk</b>	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H
<b>Intra-abdominal</b>	Piperacillin/tazobactam 4.5 g IV Q8H	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Metronidazole 500 mg IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Intra-abdominal, MDRO Risk</b>	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Skin and Soft Tissue</b>	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV Q24H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV Q24H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Diabetic Foot</b>	Piperacillin/tazobactam 4.5 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Metronidazole 500 mg IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Skin and Soft Tissue, Diabetic Foot, or Wound, MDRO Risk</b>	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>2</sup> per pharmacy	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy
<b>Necrotizing Skin and Soft Tissue including fasciitis, Gas Gangrene</b>	Piperacillin/tazobactam 4.5 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy + Clindamycin <sup>3</sup> 900 mg IV Q8H	Levofloxacin 750 mg IV Q24H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy + Clindamycin <sup>4</sup> 900 mg IV Q8H
<b>Unknown Source</b>	Piperacillin/tazobactam 4.5 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Cefepime 2 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy +/- Metronidazole 500 mg IV Q8H
<b>Unknown Source, MDRO Risk</b>	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy	Meropenem 1 g IV Q8H + Vancomycin <sup>3</sup> per pharmacy

MDRO=Multi-drug resistant organisms (e.g. ESBL, AmpC, etc). PCN=penicillins. LTAC=long-term acute care facility. SNF=skilled nursing facility.

<sup>1</sup> Doxycycline will also provide MRSA activity (covers ≥90% of isolates at SHC) and may be associated with less CDI vs. azithromycin

<sup>2</sup> Patients with structural lung disease (e.g. cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis, etc), recurrent COPD exacerbations treated with antibiotics and/or systemic steroids, etc.

<sup>3</sup> For anti-toxin effect if suspected severe streptococcal infection or presence of toxic shock syndrome

**The above recommendations are based on available literature and national guidelines. They are not intended to replace physician clinical judgment based on patient-specific factors.**