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	3.375-4.5 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 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 (CrCL) (mL/min) use the following calculation normalized for a 72 kilogram person.

CrCL male = $\frac{(140\text{-age}) \times 88.4}{S_{Cr}\ (\mu moles/L)}$ CrCL female = 0.85 x CrCL 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 at the Grace Hospital.
- 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 through August 2025 ▭ = Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Percent Susceptible																
	Ampicillin	Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Cefazolin	Cephalexin[d]	Cefuroxime	Ceftriaxone	Ceftazidime	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Gentamicin	Tobramycin	Ciprofloxacin	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Nitrofurantoin[e]
Citrobacter spp. (62)			81				69	73	95	97	90	94	85	87	94
Enterobacter cloacae complex (59)			76				66	64	93	100	92	93	88	86	37
Escherichia coli (125) systemic	46	86	94	56			77	87	100	100	87	90	54	66	
Escherichia coli (567) urine	50	85	97	70	n.d.		83	87	100	100	89	89	56	76	98
Haemophilus influenzae (103)[d]	80	n.d.				n.d.								75	
Klebsiella pneumoniae (180)		91	94	78	n.d.		87	88	100	100	98	98	78	83	22
Klebsiella/Raoultella spp. (31)[e]		94	90	10			94	100	100	100	100	100	94	100	87
Morganella morganii (43)			93				88	77	100	100	91	95	72	79	
Proteus mirabilis (67)	76	99	100	n.d.	n.d.		100	100	100	100	93	97	84	73	
Pseudomonas aeruginosa (161)			92					93		94		99	86		

[a] Isolates tested and reported are from all sources combined, with the exception of *Escherichia coli* (subdivided into systemic isolates and urine isolates); isolates were collected from Jan to Aug, 2025 with the exception of *Citrobacter* spp. and *Morganella morganii* (collected from Jan 2024 to Aug 2025); 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 to Dec, 2025. Only 88 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 through August 2025 ▭ = Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Percent Susceptible														
	Penicillin	Ampicillin	Oxacillin[b]	Vancomycin	Daptomycin	High-Level Gentamicin[c]	High-Level Streptomycin[c]	Erythromycin[d]	Clindamycin	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Rifampin[e]	Linezolid	Doxycycline	Levofloxacin	Nitrofurantoin[f]
Enterococcus spp. (286)		95		100	n.d.	73	85				n.d.				94
Staphylococcus aureus (321)			64	100	100			50	73	98	100	100	98		99
Staphylococcus epidermidis (37)			59	100	100			47	72	70	100	100	94		97
Staphylococcus lugdunensis (45)			93	100	100			91	89	98	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 Aug, 2025 with the exception of *Staphylococcus lugdunensis* (collected from Jan 2024 to Aug 2025); 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]

Organism (number tested) ▭ = Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Percent Susceptible							
	Penicillin (oral)	Penicillin (intravenous)	Ceftriaxone	Vancomycin	Levofloxacin	Clarithromycin	Doxycycline	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole
Systemic Isolates (Blood + CSF)[b]								
Meningitis (257)		79	96	100				84
Non-Meningitis infection (257)	79	99	100	100	100	n.d.	n.d.	84
Respiratory Isolates[c]								
Non-Meningitis infection (136)	81	97	100	100	100	73	79	82

[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, 35th 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, 2025. CSF = cerebrospinal fluid.

[c] Respiratory isolates were obtained from patients evaluated at hospitals across Canada (2020 to 2023) as part of the CANWARD Study.

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) ▭ = Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Percent Susceptible							
	Oxacillin[b]	Vancomycin	Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	Erythromycin	Clindamycin	Doxycycline	Linezolid	Daptomycin
Methicillin-Susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (205)	100		98	64	70	100		
Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (124)	0	100	98	26	77	97	100	100

[a] Isolates tested and reported are from all sources (surveillance isolates excluded), Jan to Aug, 2025; 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) ▭ = Not tested, not routinely reported, or not recommended	Percent Susceptible					
	Penicillin	Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	Piperacillin-Tazobactam	Clindamycin[b]	Metronidazole	Meropenem
Bacteroides fragilis (51)		n.d.	n.d.	62	100	98
Clostridium perfringens (30)	97	n.d.	n.d.	64	100	

[a] Bloodstream isolates obtained from the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) and St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) clinical microbiology laboratories between Jan 2024 and Dec 2025; data compiled according to the recommendations of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) in their document M39, 5th ed. (2022).

[b] For clindamycin, only 45 *Bacteroides fragilis* isolates and 25 *Clostridium perfringens* isolates were tested. Please use discretion when interpreting clindamycin susceptibility versus *Clostridium perfringens* due to the small number of isolates tested.

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 (39)	97	n.d.	97

[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 2025. 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 97%. 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	0.50
amoxicillin-clavulanate	500 mg tid or 875 mg bid	1.20
cloxacillin	500 mg qid	1.70
penicillin V	300 mg qid	0.30
Cephalosporins		
cephalexin	500 mg qid	0.75
Macrolides		
azithromycin	250 – 500 mg daily	1.00 – 2.00
clarithromycin	250 – 500 mg bid	0.90 – 1.80
Fluoroquinolones		
ciprofloxacin	250 – 750 mg bid	1.00 – 2.00
levofloxacin	500 – 750 mg daily	3.60 – 7.00
moxifloxacin	400 mg daily	1.60
Others		
clindamycin	450 – 600 mg tid	2.30 – 3.10
cotrimoxazole (TMP-SMX)	1 DS (double strength) tab bid	0.25
doxycycline	100 mg bid	1.00
nitrofurantoin (Macrobid®)	100 mg bid	1.00
metronidazole	500 mg tid	0.90
ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS		
fluconazole	100 – 400 mg daily	2.45 – 9.80
itraconazole	200 – 400 mg daily	8.85 – 17.70
ANTIVIRAL AGENTS		
acyclovir	200 – 800 mg 5x/day	1.90 – 9.40
valacyclovir	1 g tid	4.00

[a] Approximate cost per inpatient day excluding dispensing costs as of December 2024 based on the Manitoba Drug Interchangeability Formulary and Manufacturer's List Prices. Prices have been rounded.