ChAMP Empiric Guidelines

CLINICAL SCENARIO		DRUGS/DOSES				
		Standard Protocol	Known or Suspected MRSA ^a	Penicillin allergy ^b Delayed	Penicillin allergy ^b Immediate	
Periorbital Cellulitis	Periorbital cellulitis < 3 months	Speak to Clinical Microbiology or Infectious Diseases for advice				
	Mild periorbital cellulitis	Oral Amoxycillin/clavulanic acid 25mg/kg (to a maximum of 875mg amoxycillin component) 12 hourly	ADD Cotrimoxazole ^c to standard protocol	Cephalexin ^d	Discuss with ID or Microbiology service	
	Moderate Periorbital cellulitis ≥ 3 months	IV Flucloxacillin 50mg/kg (to a maximum of 2grams) 6 hourly AND IV Ceftriaxone 50mg/kg (to a maximum of 2grams) daily	Vancomycin ^e AND Ceftriaxone ^f	Clindamycin ^g AND Ceftriaxone ^f	Discuss with ID or Microbiology service	
	Severe periorbital or orbital cellulitis (≥ 3 months)	IV Vancomycin 15mg/kg (to a maximum initial dose of 750mg) 6 hourly AND IV Ceftriaxone 50mg/kg (to a maximum of 2grams) daily	As per standard protocol		Discuss with ID or Microbiology service	
		Antibiotics alone are not definitive management. Immediate referral to appropriate specialist surgical services is essential				
Eye	Penetrating eye injury	IV Vancomycin 15mg/kg (to a maximum initial dose of 750mg) 6 hourly AND IV Ceftazidime 50mg/kg (to a maximum of 2grams) 8 hourly	As per standard protocol		Ciprofloxacin ⁱ AND Vancomycin ^e	
		Antibiotics alone are not definitive management. Immediate referral to appropriate specialist surgical services is essential IV treatment around the time of injury and for 1-2 days. Consider changing to oral				
	Ciprofloxacin 10mg/kg 12 hourly for 7 days once surgically					

- a) Children known or suspected to be colonised with MRSA may need to have their therapy/prophylaxis modified. Children suspected of having MRSA include:
 - i) household contacts of MRSA colonised individuals and
 - ii) children with recurrent skin infections or those unresponsive to beta-lactam therapy. For further advice, discuss with Microbiology or ID service
- b) An immediate (IgE mediated) reaction is characterised by the development of urticaria, angioedema, bronchospasm or anaphylaxis within 1 to 2 hours of drug administration. Delayed reactions including maculopapular or morbilloform rashes, drug fever and cytopenias and are more in keeping with other forms of immunological reactivity. Isolated diarrhoea is not usually immune-mediated and does NOT contraindicate the future use of an antibiotic
- c) Oral Cotrimoxazole 4mg/kg; equivalent to 0.5mL/kg of mixture, (to a maximum of 160mg trimethoprim component)12 hourly
- d) Oral Cephalexin: 12.5mg/kg/dose (to a maximum of 500mg) 6 hourly
- e) IV Vancomycin 15mg/kg (to a maximum initial dose of 750mg) 6 hourly. Therapeutic drug monitoring is required.
- f) IV Ceftriaxone 50mg/kg (to a maximum of 2g) daily
- g) IV Clindamycin 10mg/kg (to a maximum of 600mg) 6 hourly
- h) IV Ceftazidime 50mg/kg (to a maximum of 2grams) 8 hourly
- i) Oral Ciprofloxacin 10mg/kg (to a maximum of 750mg) 12 hourly

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