

Genital Tract Infections



INFECTION	MOST LIKELY ORGANISMS	THERAPY CATEGORY	ANTIMICROBIALS	COMMENTS
PELVIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE	<i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> <i>C. trachomatis</i> <i>Bacteroides</i> spp Enterobacteriaceae Group B strep	First line	Outpatient: Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM/IV x 1 dose AND Doxycycline* 100 mg PO q12h x 14 days AND Metronidazole 500 mg PO q12h x 14 days Inpatient (unable to take oral medications, concern about compliance, septic): Cefoxitin 2 g IV q6h** AND Doxycycline 100 mg PO/IV q12h* x 14 days	Consider screening for syphilis, HBV and HIV. *Obtain a pregnancy test in all patients. Doxycycline is contraindicated in pregnancy. Sexual partner(s) should also be treated (expedited partner treatment). ** Cefoxitin until afebrile and abdominal pain resolves. If IV doxycycline is used, switch to PO doxycycline as soon as possible.
		Penicillin allergy	Outpatient: Same Inpatient (unable to take oral medications, concern about compliance, septic): Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM/IV x 1 dose AND Doxycycline 100 mg PO/IV q12h* x 14 days If tubo-ovarian abscess, add: Metronidazole 500 mg PO q12h x 14 days	
CERVICITIS URETHRITIS	<i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> <i>C. trachomatis</i>	First line	If 45 kg and above: 1st choice: Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM/IV x 1 dose AND Doxycycline 100 mg PO	*Given under directly observed therapy Consider screening for syphilis, HBV and HIV. Obtain a pregnancy test

			BID X 7 days 2nd choice: Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM/IV x 1 dose AND Azithromycin 2 g PO X 1 dose OR Cefixime 800 mg PO x 1 dose* AND Azithromycin 2 g PO x 1 dose*	in all patients. Sexual partner(s) should also be treated (expedited partner treatment). <u>Patients less than 45 kg:</u> refer to pre-printed orders for a pediatric patient after a sexual aggression
		Penicillin allergy	Same	
EPIDIDYMO-ORCHITIS sexually active	<i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> <i>C. trachomatis</i> Enterobacteriales (if MSM, insertive anal intercourse)	First line	Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM/IV x 1 dose AND Doxycycline 100 mg PO q12h x 14 days If risk of Enterobacteriaceae: Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM/IV x 1 dose AND Levofloxacin 500 mg IV/PO q24h x 10 days	Bedrest, scrotal elevation, and analgesics. Consider screening for syphilis, HBV and HIV. Sexual partner(s) should also be treated (expedited partner treatment).
		Penicillin allergy	Same	
EPIDIDYMO-ORCHITIS NOT sexually active prepubertal	Enterobacteriales	First line	Treat as a urinary tract infection (refer to section on urinary tract infection)	
		Penicillin allergy		

REFERENCES:

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