

Sepsis Antibiotic Administration

Why it Matters

Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines recommend initiating empiric antibiotics within **1 hour** from identification of sepsis. Initiation of the broadest range of antibacterial activity first is imperative due to increasingly poor outcomes associated with delays in appropriate therapy.

Recommended Order of Administration for Antibiotics Commonly Used in Sepsis

If compatible multiple antibiotics can be administered concurrently. When incompatible or compatibility unknown administer those toward the top the chart first in order to administer broader spectrum agents first.

When Administering 2 Antibiotics

Beta-lactams; Broad Spectrum

- Ceftriaxone (ROCEPHIN)
- Cefepime (MAXIPIME)
- Ertapenem (INVANZ)
- Meropenem (MERREM)
- Piperacillin / Tazobactam (ZOSYN)



Fluoroquinolone / Monobactam

- Levofloxacin (LEVAQUIN)
- Aztreonam (AZACTAM)



Miscellaneous

- Vancomycin
- Linezolid (ZYVOX)
- Metronidazole (FLAGYL)
- Azithromycin (ZITHROMAX)
- Clindamycin (CLEOCIN)

When Administering ≥ 3 Antibiotics

Beta-lactams: Broad Spectrum

- Ceftriaxone (ROCEPHIN)
- Cefepime (MAXIPIME)
- Ertapenem (INVANZ)
- Meropenem (MERREM)
- Piperacillin / Tazobactam (ZOSYN)

One of the above broad spectrum beta-lactams administered?

YES



MRSA Therapy

- Vancomycin
- Linezolid (ZYVOX)

NO



Fluoroquinolone / Monobactam

- Levofloxacin (LEVAQUIN)
- Aztreonam (AZACTAM)



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For More Information

Surviving Sepsis Guidelines available at: www.survivingsepsis.org

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Y-Site Compatibility of Commonly Used Antimicrobials

	Ceftriaxone	Cefepime	Ertapenem	Meropenem	Piperacillin/ Tazobactam	Aztreonam	Levofloxacin	Vancomycin	Linezolid	Metronidazole	Azithromycin	Clindamycin
Ceftriaxone							C	I	C	C	I	I
Cefepime							C	C	C	C	C	C
Ertapenem							I	C	C	C	C	I
Meropenem							I	C	C	C	C	I
Piperacillin/ Tazobactam							I	C	C	C	I	C
Aztreonam							C	C	C	I	I	C
Levofloxacin	C	C	I	I	I	C		C	C	C		C
Vancomycin	I	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C
Linezolid	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C
Metronidazole	C	C	C	C	C	I	C	C	C	C	C	C
Azithromycin	I	C	C	C	I	I		C	C	C		I
Clindamycin	I	C	I	I	C	C	C	C	C	C	I	

C = compatible at standard concentrations

I = incompatible or insufficient information

Gray boxes = medications not routinely administered together

- Note: This table is not meant to be all inclusive and is reflective of standard concentrations and diluents used at Premier Health. Contact pharmacy if clarification necessary.