

# How to use this guide

- Each section begins by giving recommendations for the choice and dose of antibiotics for the particular infection.
- **ALL DOSES IN THE TEXT ARE FOR ADULTS WITH NORMAL RENAL AND HEPATIC FUNCTION.**
- If your patient does NOT have normal renal or hepatic function, please refer to the sections on antibiotic dosing to determine the correct dose, or ask your friendly neighborhood pharmacist.
- Following the antibiotic recommendations, we have tried to include some important treatment notes that explain a bit about WHY the particular antibiotics were chosen and that provide some important tips on diagnosis and management. PLEASE glance at these notes when you are treating infections, as we think the information will prove helpful.

The recommendations given in this guide are meant to serve as treatment guidelines. They should NOT supplant clinical judgment or Infectious Diseases consultation. The recommendations were developed for use at UCLA Health System hospitals and may not be appropriate for other settings. We have attempted to verify that all information is correct, but research changes. If there is any doubt, please verify the information in this guide by calling the antimicrobial stewardship program at (310) 267-7567 or obtaining Infectious Diseases consultation.

## Important Phone Numbers

Antibiotic approval: 7-7567

- Please note that text pages alone are NOT sufficient and MUST include a call-back phone and pager number.
- ALL orders for restricted antibiotics MUST be approved unless they are part of a pre-printed order set.
- Antibiotic Management Program: 7-7567
- Penicillin Allergy Skin Test nurse: 5-4369
- Infectious Diseases Consults:
  - RRUMC pager: 98771
  - SMH page: 96002
  - Transplant ID: 93424
- Antimicrobial lab (AML): 4-2760, Micro Fellow page number: 90103
  - Bacteriology
    - Blood cultures.....42757
    - General cultures.....42758
    - AML, Anaerobes.....42760
  - Virology.....42767
  - Mycobacteriology, Mycology and Parasitology.....42770
  - Immunoserology.....42745 / 42776
  - Specimen processing.....42748 / 42749