# ADULT

## PHENOXYMETHYLPENICILLIN (PENICILLIN V)

This document should be read in conjunction with this [DISCLAIMER](#).

### Antimicrobial Restriction – Unrestricted

| Presentation | Suspension: 150mg/5mL  
|              | Tablet: 250mg  
|              | Capsule: 500mg |
| Dose         | **Narrow spectrum Penicillin**  
|              | **Oral:**  
|              | 250 - 500mg every 6 hours. Maximum 3g daily.  
|              | **S. pyogenes** tonsillitis or pharyngitis  
|              | **Oral:**  
|              | 500mg 12 hourly, for 10 days |
| Administration | **Oral:**  
|              | Take on an empty stomach, preferably an hour before food |
| Pregnancy    | **1st Trimester:** Safe to use  
|              | **2nd Trimester:** Safe to use  
|              | **3rd Trimester:** Safe to use |
| Breastfeeding | Safe to use |
| Monitoring   | Diarrhoea, rash, candidiasis  
|              | Monitor complete blood count and renal and hepatic function during prolonged high dose treatment |
| Clinical Guidelines and Policies | [Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) policy](#) |
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Standards Applicable:  NSQHS Standards:
1  ☐ Clinical Care is Guided by Current Best Practice
3  ☐ Infection Control
4  ☐ Medication Safety

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