ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE	
Flucloxacillin	
Scope (Staff):	All WNHS Staff
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
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Quick Links

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Restrictions

Formulary: Restricted (Oral liquid)

Formulary: Unrestricted

Medication Class

Penicillin antimicrobial – narrow spectrum

Presentation

Capsule: 250 mg, 500 mg

Oral liquid: 250 mg/5 mL

Vial: 500 mg, 1 g

Storage

Capsule: Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Oral liquid: when reconstituted, store at 2 to 8°C and discard after 14 days. Do not freeze.

Vial: Store in a dry place at room temperature, below 25°C. Protect from light.

Dose

Mastitis

Oral:

500 mg every 6 hours for 10 days

Severe Mastitis or Cellulitis

IV:

2 g every 6 hours

Epidural skin site infection or abscess

IV:

2 g every 6 hours until condition improved significantly then step down to oral

Oral:

1 g every 6 hours for 10 days

Administration

Oral

Best taken at least half an hour before or 2 hours after food

IV injection or infusion

Refer to the Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook

Monitoring

Contraindicated in patients with a history of immediate or severe hypersensitivity to penicillins.

Renal: reduce dose if CrCl <10 mL/minute

Hepatic: contraindicated with history of cholestatic hepatitis associated with dicloxacillin or flucloxacillin

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Safe to use

2nd Trimester: Safe to use

3rd Trimester: Safe to use

Breastfeeding

Safe to use

Comments

Monitor FBC and hepatic function if treatment continues for >2 weeks, especially if there are other risk factors

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

External Legislation, Standards and Policy (list and hyperlink)

Check if existing higher level documents to avoid content duplication- see DoH WA and National, NMHS policies, WNHS policies, ACSQHC, NSQHS, ACORN

HDWA Mandatory Policies:

Antimicrobial Stewardship

Endorsed Midwives Prescribing

WNHS Clinical Practice Guidelines:

Breast inflammation and infection: Mastitis and breast abscess

Infections in obstetrics (Intra-amniotic chorioamnionitis and postpartum infection): Diagnosis and management

Neuraxial analgesia

WNHS Pharmaceutical and Medicines Management Guidelines:

Medication Administration

Structured Administration & Supply Arrangement: Flucloxacillin

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