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## PURPOSE:

To ensure the appropriate use of antibiotics in the prevention of infection involving surgical procedures.

## DEFINITIONS:

**Clean-contaminated** – an incision through which the respiratory, alimentary or genitourinary tract is entered under controlled conditions but with no contamination encountered.

## RESPONSIBILITY:

Pharmacy Departments, Nursing Service Division, Infection Prevention and Control Unit, Medical Staff, Laboratory

## POLICY:

1. Surgical prophylaxis in adult patients:
  - 1.1 Surgical prophylaxis is recommended only when the potential benefits exceed the risks and the anticipated costs. For clean surgeries, no prophylaxis is recommended as a general rule. Exception: procedures where there are severe consequences of infection (e.g. prosthetic implants, cardiac procedures).
  - 1.2 The antibiotic chosen shall cover the expected pathogens for the operative site and take into account local resistance patterns.
  - 1.3 Effective prophylaxis requires antimicrobial serum and tissue concentrations above the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) for the probable organisms associated with the specific procedure at the time of incision and throughout the duration of the procedure.
    - 1.3.1 Intravenous antimicrobial shall be started within 60 minutes before surgical incision. Exceptions: Vancomycin and Fluoroquinolones require 1- to 2-hour infusion times; hence, dose is started 2 hours before surgical incision. Rapid infusion of Vancomycin shall result in hypotension and other signs and symptoms of histamine release (red man syndrome).
    - 1.3.2 A single dose of antimicrobial with a long enough half-life to achieve activity throughout the operation is sufficient for prophylaxis under most circumstances. Post-procedure doses are generally not needed.
    - 1.3.3 For procedures lasting more than two half-lives of the prophylactic agent, or when





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dose.

- 1.4 The use of Vancomycin is discouraged but shall be justifiable in centers where rates of post-operative infection with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) are high, or in patients with known MRSA colonization or at high risk for this (e.g., hemodialysis patients). It is also an alternative when patients have a history of an immediate type of allergic reaction to beta-lactams (anaphylaxis, laryngeal edema, bronchospasm, hypotension, local swelling, urticaria or pruritic rash occurring immediately after a beta-lactam dose) or exfoliative dermatitis (e.g., Stevens-Johnson syndrome). Unlike beta-lactams, vancomycin has no activity against Gram-negative organisms. When Gram-negative bacteria are a concern (as shown by local surveillance data), adding a second agent with appropriate in vitro activity shall be necessary. This can be done by adding cefazolin to vancomycin in the non-allergic patient. In patients intolerant of or allergic to beta-lactams, use vancomycin with another Gram-negative antibiotic (e.g., aminoglycoside, fluoroquinolone, or aztreonam).
- 1.5 For patients currently given therapeutic antibiotic(s) for infection remote to surgery site and when the antibiotic regimen is appropriate also for prophylaxis, a dose should be given within an hour prior to incision.
- 1.6 The risks of pre-surgical prophylaxis include *Clostridium difficile* infection and allergic reactions. Improper antimicrobial prophylaxis leads to excessive surgical wound infection rate (up to 52% in most studies), prolonged hospital stay, increased morbidity and mortality, and increased health care cost.

## 2. Surgical prophylaxis in pediatrics

- 2.1 The principles mirror those for antibiotic prophylaxis in adults. However, data in the pediatric population are limited and recommendations have largely been extrapolated from studies in adults.
- 2.2 Recommendations are generally the same as for adults except for dosing.
- 2.3 Fluoroquinolones should not be used because of the potential for toxicity.

## 3. The Surgical Prophylaxis form shall be filled up for all patients that undergo the use of surgical prophylaxis.

- 3.1 Documentation of antimicrobial administration shall include date, time of



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prophylaxis.

- 3.1 Documentation of antimicrobial administration shall include date, time of administration, name of medication, dose, and route of administration. Do not abbreviate name of medication and do not use unapproved abbreviations. Documentation is done by using the Surgical Prophylaxis form and would be part of the patient chart.
- 3.2 Antibiotic prophylaxis for surgery is given within one hour prior to surgical incision except for Vancomycin, which is given within two hours prior to surgical incision.
- 3.3 All parenteral antibiotics listed in this guideline shall be infused as indicated in the National Antibiotic Guidelines. Please note, it is strongly recommended that Vancomycin be administered over a minimum of 60 minutes and that all pre-operative antibiotics are completely infused before start of procedure.
- 3.4 If a tourniquet is to be used in the procedure, the entire dose of antibiotic shall be infused prior to tourniquet inflation.
- 3.5 Intra-operative re-dosing is necessary during procedures that exceed two half-lives of the drug to maintain adequate serum and tissue concentrations.
- 3.6 In clean and clean-contaminated procedures, high-quality evidence suggests that additional prophylactic antibiotic doses are not needed after the surgical incision is closed in the OR even in the presence of a drain. For all other procedures, antibiotic prophylaxis shall be discontinued within 24 hours of surgical end time. Use of antibiotics beyond the recommended post-operative duration requires proper documentation of infection or suspected infection.
- 3.7 Vancomycin use requires documentation of the reason for use in the medical record by the prescribing physician or his/her designee. Reasons for use include:
  - 3.7.1 Beta-lactam(penicillin or cephalosporin)allergy
  - 3.7.2 Known Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) colonization or infection or high risk for MRSA (i.e. recent inpatient hospitalization, resides in an extended care facility/group home, receives dialysis).
4. The National Antibiotic Guidelines shall be a point of reference for the recommended choice of antibiotic prophylaxis regimen by surgical procedure.
5. Audit for adherence to surgical prophylaxis guidelines shall be a joint cooperation of the total quality division and AMS Committee.

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**PROCEDURE (SOP):** N/A

**WORK INSTRUCTION:** N/A

**WORK FLOW:** N/A

**FORMS:**

**ANNEX: NATIONAL ANTIBIOTIC GUIDELINES FOR SURGICAL PROPHYLAXIS**



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SURGICAL PROPHYLAXIS FORM									
Patient Name:	Age:	Gender:	Room No.	Hospital No.	Body Weight:				
Allergy:	Serum Creatinine	Creatinine Clearance	SGPT	Diagnosis:					
Previous antibiotics for the past 3 months	Classification of Surgery		<input type="checkbox"/> Clean	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-contaminated	<input type="checkbox"/> Contaminated	<input type="checkbox"/> Infected			
PROCEDURE	ANTIMICROBIAL REQUESTED	DOSE	FREQUENCY	START DATE	Time given	# of doses	REQUESTING PHYSICIAN (Name and Signature)	Carried out by (date/name/signature)	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY</b> • Reconstruction of abdominal aorta • Leg vascular procedures that involve a groin incision • Any vascular procedure with insertion of prosthesis foreign body • Lower extremity amputation for ischemia • Cardiac surgery • Permanent pacemakers • Heart transplant • Implanted cardiac defibrillators									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>GASTROINTESTINAL/BILIARY</b> Gastrointestinal, includes percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (high risk only), Pancreatoduodenectomy (Whipple procedure) Biliary, includes high risk laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, open cholecystectomy Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COLORRECTAL/INTESTINAL</b> Colorectal surgery Small bowel surgery without obstruction Small bowel surgery with obstruction Appendectomy for uncomplicated appendicitis									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>HEAD AND NECK SURGERY</b> The efficacy of prophylaxis is best established for Head and neck cancer surgery. Wound infection rate can still be high though even with prophylaxis.									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEUROSURGICAL PROCEDURES</b> Clean, non-implant, e.g. elective craniotomy Clean, contaminated (cross sinuses, or naso/oropharynx) CSF shunt surgery, intrathecal pumps									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OBSTETRIC/GYNECOLOGIC</b> Vaginal or abdominal hysterectomy Caesarean section for premature rupture of membranes or active labor Episiotomy for vaginal birth									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OPHTHALMIC SURGERY</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY</b> Total joint replacement (TJR), spinal procedures, hip fracture repair, implantation of internal fixation devices (screws, nails, plates, wires) Clean operations of hands, feet and arthroscopy Without implantation of foreign materials Wound care procedures, including debridement, debridement, lung resection, and Thoracotomy Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery									
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>UROLOGIC SURGERY/PROCEDURE</b> Cystoscopy Cystoscopy with manipulation Transurethral prostate biopsy									
OTHERS: Please state:									

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