

ANTIBIOTICS

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW? TRY OUR QUIZ FOR PRESCRIBERS

Principles of antimicrobial prescribing

Are the following statements True or False?

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- 7 Antibiotics remove the need for surgical or other intervention True / False
- 8 Penicillin Allergy
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 - a) Cefuroxime
 - b) Meropenem
 - c) Gentamicin
 - d) Ciprofloxacin
 - e) Clarithromycin
 - f) All of the above

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Phenoxymethylpenicillin		
Co-amoxiclav		
Augmentin		
Erythromycin		
Ceftriaxone		
Meropenem		
Cefotaxime		
Amoxicillin		
Flucloxacillin		
Clarithromycin		
Benzympenicillin		
Cephalexin		
Vancomycin		
Cefuroxime		
Piperacillin/Tazobactam		
Tazocin		
Ciprofloxacin		
Doxycycline		

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- Adherence to hand hygiene
 - Contact isolation during hospitalisation for patients colonised with MRSA
 - Avoiding the use of antibiotics for viral infections
 - Treating infections for a longer duration
- 12 Which of the following is NOT a current example of clinically important antibiotic resistance?**
- Meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
 - Penicillin resistant *Streptococcus pyogenes* (Group A Strep)
 - Fluoroquinolone resistant *P. aeruginosa*
 - Vancomycin resistant *Enterococci*
- 13 Which of these conditions have become harder to treat because of antibiotic resistance?**
- Gonorrhoea
 - Staphylococcal infections
 - Meningitis
 - All of the above
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- Acute bronchitis
 - Asymptomatic urinary tract infection
 - Cellulitis
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- Acquiring resistance gene from its host's cells
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- 16** Which of these antibiotics have useful clinical activity against *Pseudomonas*?
- Ciprofloxacin
 - Co-amoxiclav
 - Ceftazidime
 - Cefotaxime
- 17** Which of these would be suitable to treat Gram positive cocci isolated from a blood culture?
- Flucloxacillin
 - Vancomycin
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 - Trimethoprim
- 18** Which of these conditions is an indication for therapy?
- A catheter specimen urine of a stroke patient positive with $> 10^5$ CFU/ml *Candida* species
 - A catheter specimen urine of a patient with heart failure, positive with $> 10^5$ CFU/ml Coliforms
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- 19** Which of these blood culture results most likely represents a contamination and should NOT automatically be treated with antibiotics?
- One of two blood culture bottles positive with Group A *Streptococci*
 - One of two blood culture bottles positive with a gram negative bacterium
 - One of two blood culture bottles positive with coagulase negative *Staphylococci*
 - One of two blood culture bottles positive with *Klebsiella* sp.
- 20** Which of these conditions needing IV antibiotics could be referred to an out-patient parenteral antibiotic therapy (OPAT) team?
- Resolving cellulitis needing a further 7 days therapy
 - An ESBL positive urinary tract infection
 - Meningitis – from day 2 of therapy
 - Osteomyelitis needing a further 6 weeks of treatment
 - All of the above

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR THE ANSWERS – NO PEEKING!

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