

Trauma Department Practice Manual

TITLE: Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Trauma Patients

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PURPOSE: This is a clinical practice guideline for the use of prophylactic antibiotics as a part of the initial resuscitation and treatment strategy in trauma patients.

I. Scope

Trauma service

This is a guideline only. This does not constitute a standard of care or hospital policy. Clinicians can deviate from this guideline when clinically appropriate but must document a reason for doing so.

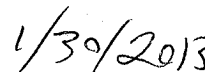
These guidelines do not address the duration of therapy. This decision is to be made by the admitting physician.

II. Guidelines

- A. Cefazolin 1 gm (Ancef) is the preferred antibiotic for non-complicated skin and soft-tissue lacerations. However, most lacerations do not require antibiotic coverage.
- B. Ertapenem 1 gm (Invanz) is the preferred antibiotic for emergent/urgent laparotomy operations
- C. Clindamycin 600mg AND moxifloxacin (Avelox) 400 mg are to be substituted for cefazolin or ertapenem in instances of severe penicillin allergy



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