

Restricted Antimicrobials

These drugs may only be used after consultation with the Microbiology Department (ext 9515 / 8388), except for the following specialities or indications.

RESTRICTED ANTI-MICROBIAL	EXCEPTIONS TO RESTRICTION
Albendazole	Specialist advice (unlicensed product)
Amikacin	HIV/Haematology
Liposomal/lipid amphotericin	HIV/Haematology
Atovaquone	HIV
Azithromycin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) if non-compliance may be a problem. • For women prior to hysterosalpingogram laparoscopy-dye with a history of chlamydial infection/PID and to cover women with tubal damage found during these investigations. • 3rd /4th line for PCP prophylaxis. • Toxoplasmosis. • Treatment of typhoid fever.
Cefadroxil	UTI in pregnancy
Cefotaxime	Neonatal meningitis
Ceftazidime	Haematology/Oncology/HIV/ITU
Ceftriaxone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paediatric/adult meningitis. • Treatment of typhoid fever.
Cidofovir	HIV/Haematology

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Ciprofloxacin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haematology/Oncology • ICU – Hospital acquired pneumonia • HIV – for diarrhoea/sinusitis • Gastroenterology – ERCP prophylaxis (oral only), biliary tract surgical prophylaxis, appendectomy prophylaxis • Gastrointestinal infections – Salmonella, Campylobacter, Shigella • Epididymitis, prostatitis or biopsy of the prostate • Pyelonephritis – oral only • Prophylaxis for family contacts of bacterial meningitis • Septicaemia
Clofazimine	Reserved for expert use
Colistimethate (colistin)	Reserved for expert use
Combivir [®] (zidovudine 300 mg plus lamivudine 150 mg)	HIV
Co-trimoxazole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment and prevention of PCP infection • Use indicated in chemotherapy protocols
Dapsone	HIV
Didanosine	HIV
Efavirenz	HIV
Erythromycin	Injection restricted ICU (use as a pro-kinetic agent) and Neonates
Ethambutol	Chest clinic specialists only
Ethionamide	Specialist advice (unlicensed product)
Famciclovir	For immunocompromised patients where aciclovir is not appropriate and for cases of Herpes Zoster where high doses are required
Flucytosine	HIV/Haematology
Foscarnet	HIV/Haematology
Topical fusidic acid and Fucibet [®]	Dermatology outpatients
Ganciclovir	HIV/Haematology

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Indinavir	HIV
Itraconazole	HIV/Haematology
Ivermectin	Specialist advice (unlicensed product)
Ketoconazole	HIV
Lamivudine	HIV, Hepatology
Linezolid	Microbiology approval only
Lopinovir (lopinavir 133.3 mg plus ritonavir 33.3 mg)	HIV
Mepacrine	Microbiologist recommendation only (unlicensed product)
Meropenem	Haematology
Metronidazole gel	Fungating offensive tumours and acne rosacea
Mupirocin ointment Mupirocin nasal ointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermatology outpatients • Infection Control advice
Nelfinavir	HIV
Nevirapine	HIV
Niclosamide	Specialist advice (unlicensed product)
Praziquantel	Specialist advice (unlicensed product)
Pentamidine	HIV/Specialist advice
Piperacillin and Tazobactam (Tazocin [®])	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haematology/ICU/Oncology • ERCP prophylaxis (where allergy to ciprofloxacin)
Primaquine	HIV (unlicensed product)
Prothionamide	HIV/TB Chest Clinic (unlicensed product)
Ribavirin (tribavirin)	Haematology/Hepatology/Paediatrics
Rifabutin	HIV, TB specialist advice
Ritonavir	HIV
Saquinavir	HIV
Sodium stibogluconate	Specialist advice
Stavudine	HIV
Streptomycin	Specialist advise (unlicensed product)
Sulphadiazine	HIV/Microbiology advice
Tazocin [®]	See piperacillin and tazobactam

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Teicoplanin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haematology/Oncology/NNU/ICU • MRSA surgical prophylaxis • Endocarditis – treatment and prophylaxis • Prosthetic joint infection as per guideline • Severe community acquired pneumonia • Necrotising fasciitis • Septicaemia
Terbinafine	Dermatologists/HIV
Tetracycline	Respiratory/Oncology
Tobramycin	For resistant organisms only – Microbiologist recommendation
Trimetrexate	HIV
Vancomycin	IV: Haematology/Oncology/ICU ORAL: 2 nd line Clostridium difficile associated diarrhoea
Zalcitabine	HIV
Zidovudine	HIV/Haematology (under protocol)