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## **I. PURPOSE**

To develop an extended infusion (EI) protocol for inpatients receiving piperacillin/tazobactam with the goal of decreasing the dose of antibiotic needed to achieve equivalent or superior therapeutic target compared to standard short infusion (SI).

## **II. BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION**

Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic studies have demonstrated that EI dosing of piperacillin/tazobactam achieves target time above concentration goals for adequate empirical and definitive therapy of bacterial infections, including treatment of susceptible *Pseudomonas*.

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#### IV. POLICY

- a. Inpatients being treated with piperacillin/tazobactam will receive EI unless the patient meets the exceptions stated below.
- b. Exclusion Criteria (These patients should receive piperacillin/tazobactam SI unless otherwise noted):
  - i. Pediatric patients admitted to Benioff Children's Hospital
  - ii. Patients with creatinine clearance of < 20ml/min, not on continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT)

- iii. Patients on intermittent hemodialysis (iHD). Note that patients on continuous renal replacement therapy should get EI dosing unless meeting other exclusion criteria.
- iv. Patients with infection or colonization with gram-negative bacteria intermediate or resistant to piperacillin/tazobactam within the last 60 days
  - a) Consult with Infectious Diseases or Antimicrobial Stewardship for consideration of alternative therapies.
- v. Patients with cystic fibrosis
- vi. Patients stationed in the emergency department, operating room, peri-procedural areas, or post anesthesia care units
- vii. Patients with insufficient intravenous access

## V. PROCEDURES

- a. Definitions
  - i. Extended intravenous infusion (EI): Infusion over 4 hours
  - ii. Short intravenous infusion (SI): Infusion over 30 minutes
  - iii. Continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT)
  - iv. Intermittent Hemodialysis (iHD)
- b. Responsibilities
  - i. Provider ordering
    - a) Determine whether the patient is eligible for EI. For patients meeting exclusion criteria discussed in section IV, subsection b, piperacillin/tazobactam should be ordered as a SI with appropriate dosing selected for renal function. All other patients should get EI dosing.
    - b) For patients ordered to receive EI, determine when the last dose of piperacillin/tazobactam was administered.
      - i) Patients who have not received a dose of piperacillin/tazobactam SI within 6 hours or EI started within 10 hours: piperacillin/tazobactam should be ordered as EI with loading dose. Please consult with a clinical pharmacist in the case of a patient previously on EI piperacillin/tazobactam with last dose started 10-14 hours ago.
      - ii) Patients who have received a dose of piperacillin/tazobactam SI within 6 hours or EI started within 10 hours:

piperacillin/tazobactam should be ordered as EI without loading dose.

ii. Pharmacist Verification

a) Review each order for appropriateness, including but not limited to:

- i) Allergies
- ii) Indication
- iii) Site of infection
- iv) Suspected pathogens
- v) Drug compatibilities
- vi) Timing of administration

b) Replace SI orders with EI orders, unless patient meets exclusion criteria outlined in Section IV, Subsection b.

c) Replace EI orders with SI orders, as outlined in Section VI for patients meeting exclusion criteria outlined in Section IV, Subsection b.

d) Assess need for loading dose of piperacillin/tazobactam based on last piperacillin/tazobactam administration time.

- i) Patients who have not received a dose of piperacillin/tazobactam SI within 6 hours or EI started within 10 hours: order a piperacillin/tazobactam loading dose as outlined in Section VI, if not already ordered by the provider. If the last dose of piperacillin/tazobactam EI was started 10-14 hours ago, please use best judgement based on renal function, indication, and clinical status when assessing need for loading dose. If assistance is needed, consult the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program pharmacist.
- ii) Patients who have received a dose of piperacillin/tazobactam SI within 6 hours or EI started within 10 hours: no loading dose is needed. Cancel the loading dose if ordered by the provider.

e) Adjust timing of piperacillin/tazobactam, depending on when the last dose, if any, was administered.

f) Adjust timing of piperacillin/tazobactam with vancomycin and other IV medications to avoid compatibility issues, if applicable. See Appendix I.

iii. Nursing Administration

- a) Administer medication following the Medication Administration and IV pump Alaris Medley with Guardrails nursing procedures.
- b) To administer a STAT IV medication that is incompatible with piperacillin/tazobactam, stop EI piperacillin/tazobactam, flush the line, and administer the STAT IV medication. Then, resume EI piperacillin/tazobactam.

## VI. DOSING RECOMMENDATIONS

Extended Infusion ( 4 hour infusion) in 100ml 0.9% NaCl	
	<b>CrCl &gt; 20 ml/min or CRRT</b>
<b>Loading Dose (LD), if indicated*</b>	4.5 gm IV over 30 min x 1
<b>Maintenance Dose (starting 4 hrs after loading dose, if indicated)</b>	4.5 gm IV over 4 hr q8h

\* Only give a LD if there has not been a SI dose within 6 hours or an EI dose started within 10 hours

Short infusion (30-minute infusion) in 100 ml 0.9% NaCl				
	<b>CrCl ≥ 50 ml/min</b>	<b>CrCl 10-50 ml/min</b>	<b>CrCl &lt; 10 ml/min</b>	<b>Dialysis (HD or CRRT)</b>
<b>General infections</b>	3.375 gm IV Q6h	3.375 gm IV Q6-8h	2.25 gm IV Q8h	<b>HD:</b> 2.25 gm IVq8h <b>CRRT:</b> 4.5 gm IV Q8h or 3.375 gm IV Q6h
<b>Documented/suspected Pseudomonas infections</b>	<u>CrCl &gt; 20 ml/min:</u> 4.5 gm IV Q6h		<u>CrCl &lt; 20 ml/min:</u> 2.25 gm IV Q8h	<b>HD:</b> 2.25 gm IVq8h <b>CRRT:</b> 4.5 gm IV Q8h or 3.375 gm IV Q6h

**APPENDIX I:** Common Y-site IV incompatibilities<sup>a</sup>

Known incompatible agents	Acyclovir Amiodarone HCL Amphotericin B (cholesteryl and conventional colloidal) Caspofungin Chlorpromazine Ciprofloxacin Cisplatin Daunorubicin Decarbazine Dobutamine Doxorubicin Doxycycline Droperidol Diltiazem Famotidine	Ganciclovir Gemcitabine Haloperidol Hydralazine Hydroxyzine Idarubicin Insulin regular Levofloxacin Mitomycin Mitoxantrone Minocycline Nalbuphine Phenytoin Prochlorperazine Promethazine Tobramycin <sup>b</sup>
Variable compatibility	Azithromycin Cisatracurium Gentamicin <sup>b</sup> Pantoprazole Vancomycin <sup>c</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> List is not comprehensive. Refer to Micromedex or LexiComp for more compatibility information.

<sup>b</sup> Avoid mixing aminoglycosides & penicillin in the same bag and avoid infusing concurrently through same line.

<sup>c</sup> Compatibility of vancomycin and piperacillin/tazobactam is concentration and formulation dependent. Avoid infusing vancomycin and piperacillin/tazobactam through the same lumen concurrently if possible (i.e. administer vancomycin and piperacillin/tazobactam infusion through separate lumens or administer vancomycin prior to the piperacillin/tazobactam 4-hour infusion). For additional information or clarification, call inpatient pharmacy.