Hospitalized Adults: Head and Neck Infections: Peritonsillar Abscess

Doses provided in this table are for patients with normal renal and hepatic function. Click on drug link to go to dosing guidelines. Some antimicrobials are restricted (ID-R). Click on link for guidelines on obtaining authorization.

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Peritonsillar abscess, deep neck infections

- **Group A streptococci**
- **Anaerobes**
- **S. aureus**

**Ampicillin/sulbactam** [1] 3 g IV q6h

WITH OR WITHOUT *

**Vancomycin** [2]

Alternatively:

**Ertapenem** [1] 1 g IV daily

WITH OR WITHOUT *

**Vancomycin** [2]

For severe PCN allergy:

**Clindamycin** [1] ID-R: VASF [3] 600 ? 900 mg IV q8h

PLUS

**Ciprofloxacin** [1] ID-R: VASF [3] 400 mg IV q12h

OR


Often polymicrobial

Combinations of piperacillin/tazobactam, ampicillin/sulbactam, or ertapenem PLUS metronidazole should not be used.

*Consider vancomycin use for patients at high risk for MRSA