

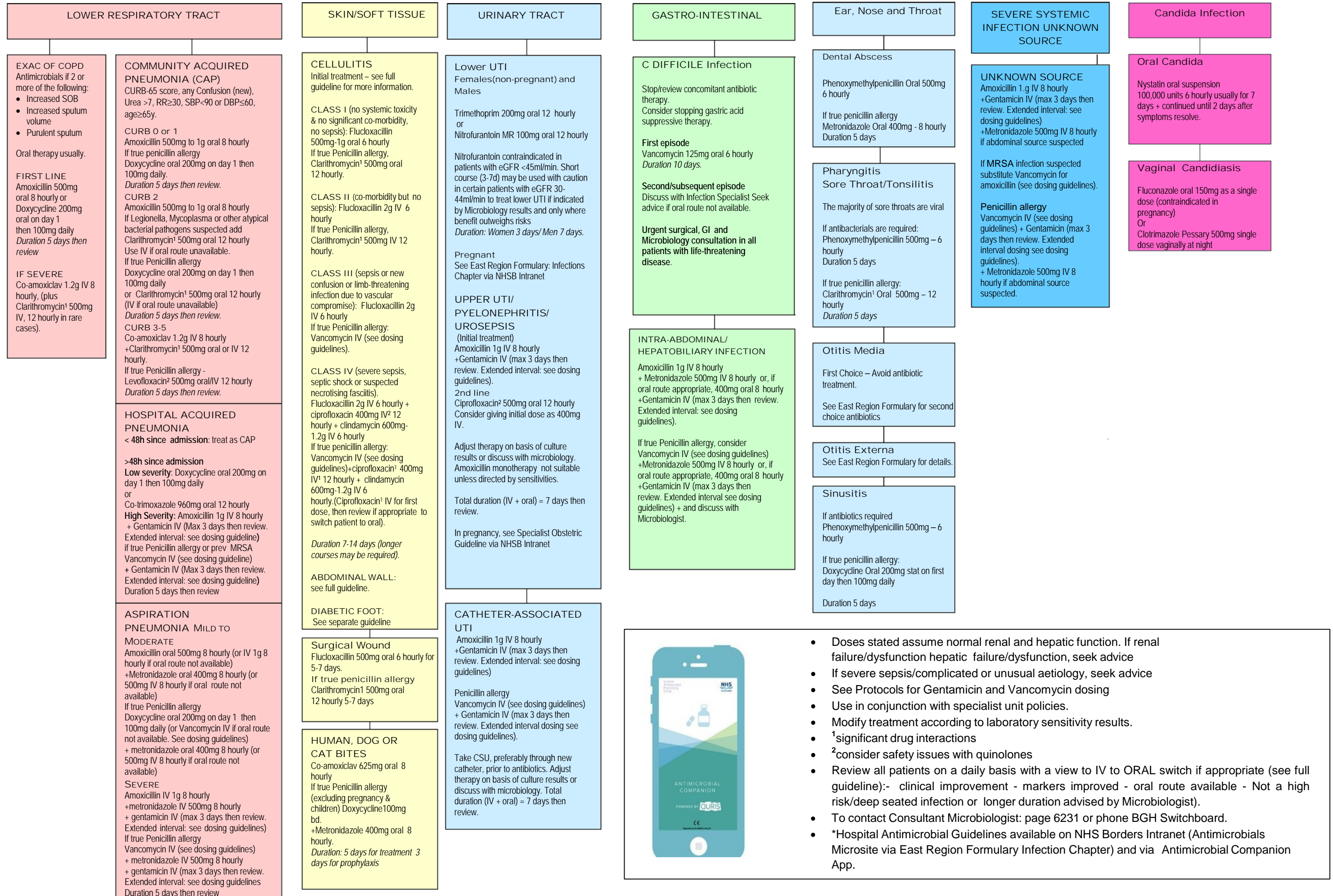


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See full guidelines for further information



- Doses stated assume normal renal and hepatic function. If renal failure/dysfunction hepatic failure/dysfunction, seek advice
- If severe sepsis/complicated or unusual aetiology, seek advice
- See Protocols for Gentamicin and Vancomycin dosing
- Use in conjunction with specialist unit policies.
- Modify treatment according to laboratory sensitivity results.
- <sup>1</sup>significant drug interactions
- <sup>2</sup>consider safety issues with quinolones
- Review all patients on a daily basis with a view to IV to ORAL switch if appropriate (see full guideline):- clinical improvement - markers improved - oral route available - Not a high risk/deep seated infection or longer duration advised by Microbiologist).
- To contact Consultant Microbiologist: page 6231 or phone BGH Switchboard.
- \*Hospital Antimicrobial Guidelines available on NHS Borders Intranet (Antimicrobials Microsite via East Region Formulary Infection Chapter) and via Antimicrobial Companion App.