

Drug	Dose	Duration	+/- Notes
<b>1st choice option</b>			
<b>Metronidazole</b>	<p><b>1-2 years:</b> 50mg every 8 hours</p> <p><b>3-6 years:</b> 100mg every 12 hours.</p> <p><b>7-9 years:</b> 100mg every 8 hours.</p> <p><b>10-17 years:</b> 200-250mg every 8 hours.</p> <p><b>Adults:</b> 200mg every 8 hours (max. 400mg every 8 hours for severe infection)</p>	3 days	<p>Liquid preparation available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200mg/5ml</li> </ul> <p>Advise patients to avoid alcohol.</p> <p>Anticoagulant effect of warfarin may be enhanced by Metronidazole.</p>
<b>OR (if metronidazole contraindicated)</b>			
<b>Amoxicillin</b>	<p><b>1-11 months:</b> 125mg every 8 hours (to max 30mg/kg per dose to max. of 1g)</p> <p><b>1-4 years:</b> 250mg every 8 hours (to max 30mg/kg per dose to max. of 1g)</p> <p><b>5-11 years:</b> 500mg every 8 hours (to max 30mg/kg per dose to max of 1g)</p> <p><b>Adults and children &gt;12 years:</b></p> <p>500mg every 8 hours (max. 1g every 8 hours for severe infection)</p>	5 days	<p>Liquid preparations available (sugar-free):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125mg/5ml</li> <li>• 250mg/5ml</li> </ul> <p>Avoid in penicillin allergy</p>