

Drug	Dose	Duration	Notes
1st choice options- dependent on MSU cultures and susceptibility			
Nitrofurantoin Immediate Release Capsules OR	50-100mg every 6 hours	7 days	Avoid after 36 weeks due to risk of neonatal haemolysis. Immediate/ Prolonged Release should be stated on the prescription (¹ see note below on formulation difference)
Nitrofurantoin Prolonged Release Capsules	100mg every 12 hours	7 days	
Amoxicillin*	500mg every 8 hours	7 days	*Amoxicillin resistance is common – check susceptibility from MSU sample
2nd choice option- dependent on MSU cultures & susceptibility			
Cefalexin	500mg every 8 hours	7 days	
If further information required on treatment options, please seek specialist/microbiologist advice. *Seek specialist/microbiologist advice in case of severe penicillin allergy in pregnant patients if nitrofurantoin is not an option.			

¹Two nitrofurantoin formulations are available: nitrofurantoin immediate release capsules (MacroDantin®) and nitrofurantoin prolonged release capsules (MacroBid®). For the treatment of infection the prolonged release capsules are dosed twice daily whilst the standard capsules are dosed four times daily. These products are not interchangeable.