

Drug	Children's Dose	Adult Dose	Duration	Notes
1st choice option				
Flucloxacillin	See flucloxacillin dosing table for children	500mg every 6 hours	5-7 days	Avoid in penicillin allergy. To optimise absorption, take on an empty stomach (either 1 hour before food or 2 hours after food)
2nd choice options				
Cefalexin	See cefalexin dosing table for children	500mg every 12 hours	5-7 days	Cephalosporins should not be used in severe penicillin allergy
Clarithromycin	See clarithromycin dosing table for children	250mg every 12 hours (can be increased if necessary in severe infection to 500mg every 12 hours)	5-7 days	Macrolides should be used with caution in pregnancy. Clarithromycin suitable only in 2 nd and 3 rd trimester in pregnancy.
1st choice option in pregnant, penicillin allergic patients				
Clindamycin		300mg every 6 hours	5-7 days	Caution: risk of <i>C. difficile</i>
Topical Treatment for Non-Bullous Impetigo (Reserve for very localised lesions – ≤3 lesions)				
Fusidic Acid	Topically to affected areas every 8 hours		5-7 days	