

TABLE 126-4	TABLE 126-4 Antibiotics and Doses for Group A β-Hemolytic Streptococcal Pharyngitis			SAS Ph	ry ngitis
Antibiotic	Brand Na	ame Dose		Duration -	Rating
Preferred Antibio	otics				Showing date
Penicillin V	Pen-V°	Children: 250 mg twice of times daily or 500 mg	daily or three times daily orally. Adult: 250 mg four twice daily orally	10 days	IB ABC
Penicillin G benzat	thine Bicillin L-	A° <27 kg: 0.6 million units	; 27 kg or greater: 1.2 million units intramuscularly	One dose	IB Thu
Amoxicillin ^a	Amoxil*	50 mg/kg once daily (ma daily	aximum 1,000 mg); 25 mg/kg (maximum 500 mg) twice	10 days	IB quality
Penicillin Allergy					. 0
Cephalexin	Keflex°	20 mg/kg/dose orally tw	rice daily (maximum 500 mg/dose)	10 days	IB
Cefadroxil	Duricef	30 mg/kg orally once da	ily (maximum 1 g)	10 days	IB
Clindamycin	Cleocin*	7 mg/kg/dose orally thri	ce daily (maximum 300 mg/dose)	10 days	IIaB فعن لا
Azithromycin ^b	Zithroma	3 3 7	ily (maximum 500 mg) for one day, then 6 mg/kg orally 250 mg) for four days	5 days	IIaB J 4 2
${\sf Clarithromycin}^b$	Biaxin*	15 mg/kg orally per day	divided in two doses (maximum 250 mg twice daily)	10 days	IIaB

These guidelines provide a systematic weighting of the strength of the recommendation (Class I, conditions for which there is evidence and/or general agreement that a given procedure or treatment is beneficial, useful, and effective; Class II, conditions for which there is conflicting evidence and/or a divergence of opinion about the usefulness/efficacy of a procedure or treatment; Class IIa, weight of evidence/opinion is in favor of usefulness/efficacy; Class IIb, usefulness/efficacy is less well established by evidence/opinion; Class III, conditions for which there is evidence and/or general agreement that a procedure/treatment is not useful/effective and in some cases may be harmful) and quality of evidence (A, data derived from multiple randomized clinical trials or meta-analyses; B, data derived from a single-randomized trial or nonrandomized studies; C, only consensus opinion of experts, case studies, or standard of care). "Standard formulation, not extended releasers in and of care).

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^bResistance of group A β-hemolytic Streptococcus (GABHS) to these agents may vary and local susceptibilities should be considered with these agents.

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Clindamycin	Cleocin®	20-30 mg/kg/day orally in th divided doses (maximum i dose)		over penic
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Penicillin V and rifampin	Pen-V®, Rifadin®	Penicillin V: 50 mg/kg/day or four doses for 10 days (ma 2,000 mg/day); and rifamp 20 mg/kg/day orally in one for the last 4 days of treatn (maximum 600 mg/day)	iximum oin: e dose	penicillin/ benzathine combinati recurrent
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Amoxicillin-clavulanate, clindamycin, penicillin/rifampin combination, and benzathine penicillin G/rifampin combination may be considered for recurrent episodes of pharyngitis to maximize bacterial eradication in potential carriers and to counter copathogens that produce β-lactamases. Chronic GAS [Chronic GAS]

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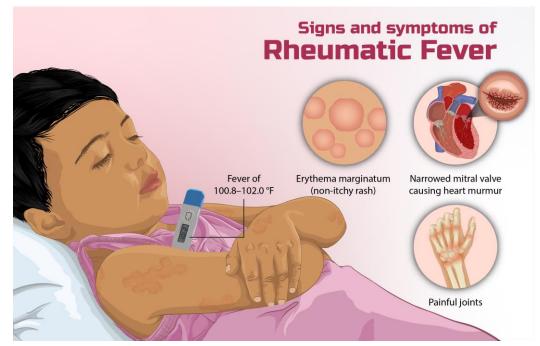
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How rheumatic fever affects the heart:

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Patient Education Tips

- · Prevention: Prevention: Prevention:
- Wash your hands frequently, especially after blowing your nose or after caring for a child with a sore throat.
- If someone in your home has pharyngitis, keep his or her eating utensils and drinking glasses separate from those of other family members. Wash these objects thoroughly in hot, soapy water.
- If a toddler with pharyngitis has been chewing or sucking on toys, wash these objects thoroughly in water and disinfectant soap, then rinse well.
- Promptly dispose of any dirty tissues from runny noses and sneezes, and then wash your hands.
- Do not allow a child who has been diagnosed with strep throat to return to school or day care until he or she has been taking antibiotics for at least 24 hours and symptoms have improved.



✓ Patient Education Tips

• Treatment:



- If you have simple viral pharyngitis, your symptoms should go away gradually over a period of about one week.
- Because antibiotics do not work against viruses, viral pharyngitis usually is treated by treating the symptoms to make you feel more comfortable until your body's immune system defeats the infection. These measures include:
 - Getting plenty of rest (either in or out of bed)
 - Taking ibuprofen, acetaminophen or aspirin (in adults only) to relieve throat pain
 - Drinking plenty of water to prevent dehydration
 - Gargling with warm salty water to ease throat pain
 - Drinking warm liquids (tea or broth) to soothe the throat
 - Using a cool mist vaporizer to relieve throat dryness
 - Using nonprescription throat lozenges or anesthetic throat sprays
- These measures will help to ease your discomfort with any type of throat infection.

- If you have strep throat, you also will take antibiotics to prevent complications.
- Your symptoms should subside within two to three days after you begin taking antibiotics.
- It's important to take all the medication, even after you start to feel better.

Evaluation of acute pharyngitis in adults

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Any of the following signs or symptoms of severe infection present:

- Muffled voice
- Drooling
- Stridor
- Respiratory distress
- "Sniffing" or "tripod" positions*
- Fever and rigors
- Severe unilateral sore throat
- Bulging of the pharyngeal wall/floor or soft palate
- Trismus
- Crepitus
- Stiff neck
- History of penetrating trauma to oropharynx

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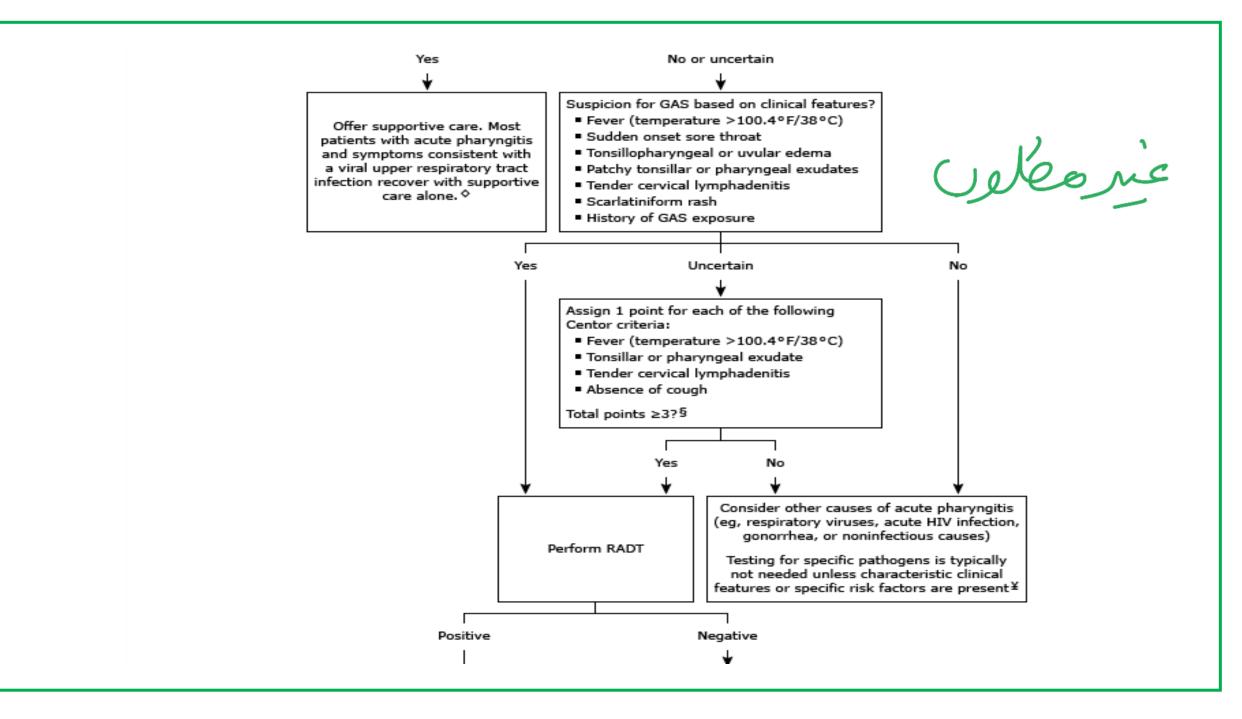
Test for COVID-19, continue evaluation for other possible causes of pharyngitis, and advise isolation while awaiting results

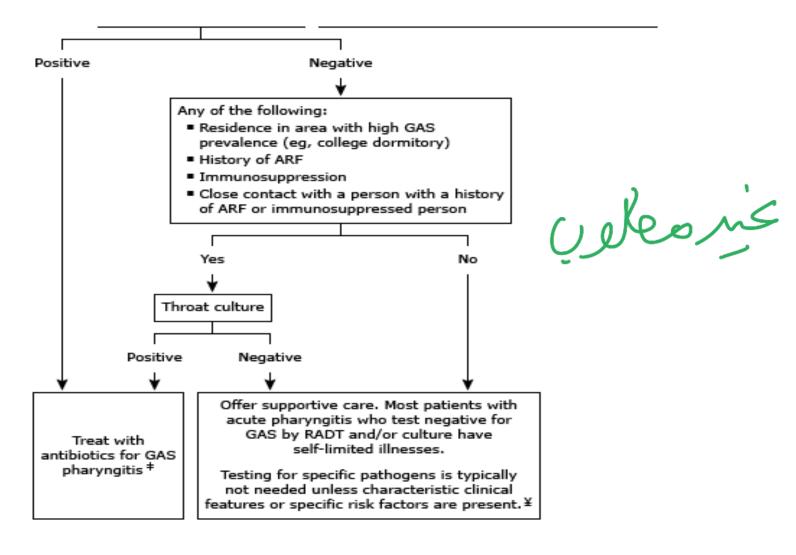
Stabilize and/or refer to emergency or inpatient setting for additional care
including testing for COVID-19

Strong suspicion for other viral upper respiratory tract infection based on clinical features (eg, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis, rhinorrhea, hoarseness, viral exanthem, or oral ulcers)?

Yes

No or uncertain





All adults presenting with acute pharyngitis should have a thorough history and physical, including assessment for risk factors for acute HIV infection and sexually transmitted infections.

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COVID-19: coronavirus disease 2019; GAS: group A Streptococcus; RADT: rapid antigen detection test; HIV: human immunodeficiency virus; ARF: acute rheumatic fever.

* A sitting position with the trunk leaning forward, neck hyperextended, and chin thrust forward in an effort to maximize the diameter of the obstructed airway.

¶ Refer to UpToDate content on COVID-19 for additional detail on clinical features, testing, and infection control.

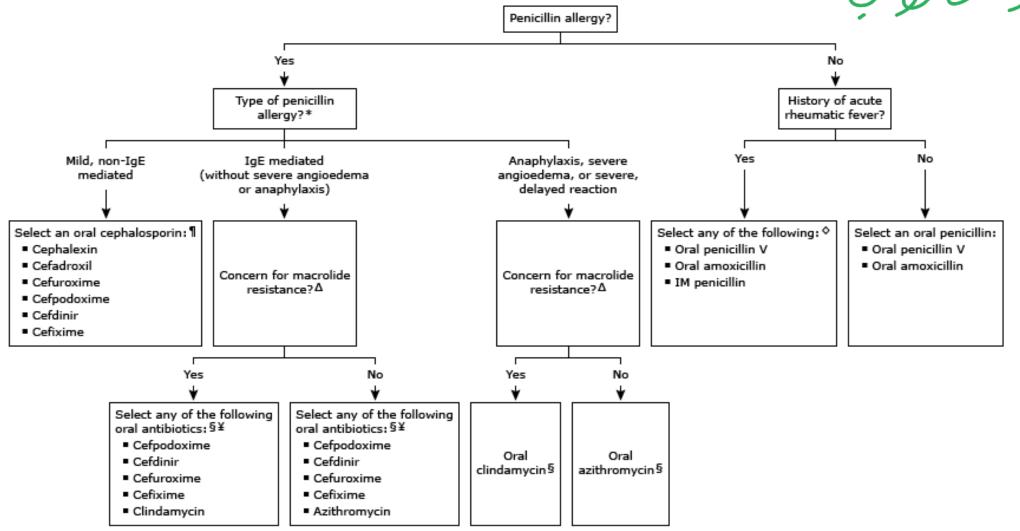
Δ Refer to UpToDate topics on evaluation of pharyngitis in adults, evaluation of the adult with dyspnea, and deep neck space infections.

- Refer to UpToDate content on symptomatic treatment of pharyngitis in adults.
- § Some practitioners test patients with Centor scores ≥2.
- § Refer to UpToDate topic on evaluation of pharyngitis in adults.
- Refer to UpToDate content on treatment and prevention of streptococcal pharyngitis.

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Treatment of streptococcal pharyngitis in children and adults





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IgE: immunoglobulin E; IM: intramuscular.

* Examples of mild, non-IgE-mediated reactions include maculopapular rashes. Examples of IgE-mediated reactions include hives, wheezing, angioedema, and anaphylaxis. Examples of severe, delayed reactions include Steven-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, acute interstitial nephritis, drug-induced hepatitis, and serum sickness.

¶ Approach to selecting among cephalosporins varies among experts. Some prefer to use a first-generation cephalosporin (eg, cephalexin) because of its narrow spectrum and low likelihood of cross reactivity. Others select a third-generation cephalosporin with a side chain that is dissimilar to penicillin (eg, cefpodoxime, cefdinir), although these agents have a broader spectrum.

Δ Macrolide resistance varies considerably by region, with higher rates observed in Asia and Europe when compared with the United States. Knowledge of local resistance patterns should guide antibiotic selection.

Selection among these agents should be based on drug availability and patient preference. For patients with a history of acute rheumatic fever and penicillin allergy, antibiotic selection should be individualized.

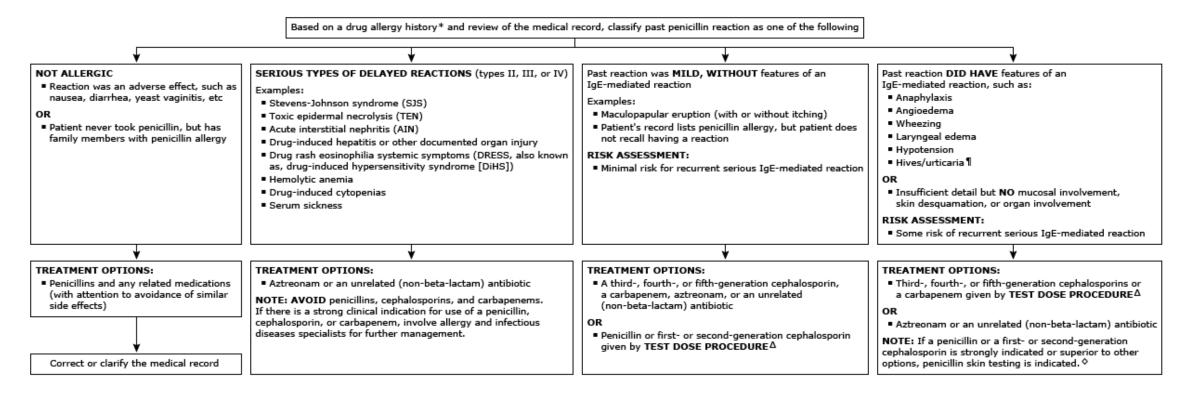
§ Many patients with IgE-mediated reactions can tolerate cephalosporins. These patients should be referred for allergy consultation following treatment for streptococcal pharyngitis.

¥ Approach to selecting among these agents varies among experts. Some prefer cephalosporins due their high efficacy and low risk of cross-reactivity, while others favor selecting a non-cephalosporin alternative to avoid any possibility of cross-reactivity.

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Approach to the patient with a past penicillin reaction who requires antibiotics



This algorithm is intended for use in conjunction with the UpToDate content on choice of antibiotics in penicillin-allergic hospitalized patients. It is oriented toward hospitalized patients but also applies to outpatients if test dose procedures can be performed in an appropriately monitored setting with the staff and equipment needed to manage allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.

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IgE: immunoglobulin E.

- * Ask the following:
 - What exactly were the symptoms?
 - Raised, red, itchy spots with each lesion lasting less than 24 hours (hives/urticaria)?
 - Swelling of the mouth, eyes, lips, or tongue (angioedema)?
 - Blisters or ulcers involving the lips, mouth, eyes, urethra, vagina, or peeling skin (seen in SJS, TEN, other severe type IV reactions)?
 - Respiratory or hemodynamic changes (anaphylaxis)?
 - Joint pains (seen in serum sickness)?
 - Did the reaction involve organs like the kidneys, lungs, or liver (seen in DRESS, other severe type IV reactions)?
 - 2. What was the timing of the reaction after taking penicillin: Minutes, hours, or days later? Was it after the first dose or after multiple doses?
 - 3. How long ago did the reaction happen? (After 10 years of avoidance, only 20% of patients with IgE-mediated penicillin allergy will still be allergic).
 - 4. How was the reaction treated? Was there a need for urgent care or was adrenaline/epinephrine administered?
 - 5. Has the patient tolerated similar medications, such as ampicillin, amoxicillin, or cephalexin since the penicillin reaction?

¶ Isolated mild hives, without other symptoms of an IgE-mediated reaction, can often occur in the setting of an infection. Patients with this history, especially if it occurred in childhood or >10 years ago, may also be considered to be at minimal risk for a recurrent serious reaction.

Δ This algorithm is intended for use in conjunction with additional UpToDate content. For a description of how to safely perform a TEST DOSE PROCEDURE, refer to the UpToDate topic on choice of antibiotics in penicillin-allergic hospitalized patients.

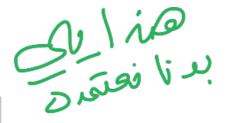
♦ Consult allergist to perform skin testing. If skin testing is not possible, patient may still be able to receive penicillins or first- or second-generation cephalosporins using a desensitization (also known as tolerance induction) procedure. Refer to the UpToDate topic on rapid drug desensitization for immediate hypersensitivity reactions.

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Secondary prophylaxis for rheumatic fever Duration of therapy

Category	Duration after last attack
Rheumatic fever with carditis and residual	10 years or until 40 years of age (whichever is longer)
heart disease (persistent valvular disease*)	Sometimes lifelong prophylaxis (refer to UpToDate topics on treatment and prevention of acute rheumatic fever and management and prevention of rheumatic heart disease)
Rheumatic fever with carditis but no residual heart disease (no valvular disease*)	10 years or until 21 years of age (whichever is longer)
Rheumatic fever without carditis	5 years or until 21 years of age (whichever is longer)

^{*} Clinical or echocardiographic evidence.





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Choice of antibiotic agent for treatment and prophylaxis of acute rheumatic fever

Scenario	Antibiotic choice(s)
Preferred treatment in endemic areas where IM penicillin is available at low cost	■ IM penicillin G benzathine given every 28 days
Alternative treatment in nonendemic areas where IM penicillin is unavailable or prohibitively expensive	Oral penicillin V
Confirmed penicillin allergy*	Preferred – Oral azithromycinAlternative – Oral sulfadiazine
Severe symptomatic RHD¶	 Preferred – Oral penicillin V Alternatives – Oral azithromycin or oral sulfadiazine
Bleeding problems following IM injection that cannot be addressed	 Preferred – Oral penicillin V Alternatives – Oral azithromycin or oral sulfadiazine
Other barriers to using the preferred treatment that cannot be resolved $\!\!\!\!\!^\Delta$	Oral penicillin V
Patients at low risk of recurrence	■ Oral penicillin V
Breakthrough infection while on prophylaxis	 For treatment of acute infection – Oral clindamycin For ongoing prophylaxis – IM penicillin G benzathine given every 21 days

This table summarizes our suggested approach to selecting an antibiotic agent for treatment and prophylaxis of ARF. Patients who have had ARF who subsequently develop GAS infections are at high risk for a recurrent ARF attack, which increases the risk of developing more severe RHD. GAS infection need not be symptomatic to trigger a recurrent attack of ARF. Thus, the most effective method to limit progression of RHD is prevention of recurrent GAS infections. IM penicillin G benzathine is the preferred agent for treatment and prophylaxis of ARF in most cases. However, in select circumstances, an alternative agent may be appropriate, as summarized above. For additional details, refer to UpToDate topics on ARF and RHD.

IM: intramuscular; RHD: rheumatic heart disease; ARF: acute rheumatic fever; GAS: Group A Streptococcus; NYHA: New York Heart Association; EF: ejection fraction.

- * Penicillin allergy should be verified by history and confirmed with testing by an allergy specialist if available before choosing an alternative to penicillin G benzathine.
- ¶ This includes patients with severe symptomatic valvular disease, NYHA class III or IV heart failure symptoms, and/or ventricular dysfunction (ie, EF <50%). Oral therapy is preferred for these patients because they can experience vasovagal reactions with IM injections, and this may increase the risk of sudden death.
- Δ Additional barriers include patient concerns (eg, extreme needle phobia) that persist despite appropriate counseling and reassurance.
- Patients at low risk of recurrence include those who have reached young adulthood and have remained free of ARF attacks for several years.

Type of drug reactions

Type of reaction	Common features
Non-allergic reaction	 Adverse effects (eg, diarrhea, vomiting, yeast vaginitis) Family history of penicillin allergy but no personal history
Mild non-IgE- mediated reaction	 Maculopapular rash (with or without itching) Medical record lists penicillin allergy but patient unaware of reaction
IgE-mediated reaction	 Anaphylaxis Angioedema Wheezing Laryngeal edema Hypotension Hives/urticaria
Serious delayed reactions	 Toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms/drug-induced hypersensitivity syndrome (DRESS/DiHS) Other exfoliating dermatoses/erythroderma Serum sickness-like reactions Drug-induced cytopenias Drug-induced renal, hepatic, or other specific organ damage

IgE: immunoglobulin E.



Treatment of pharyngitis due to group A Streptococcus in adults

Antibiotic class	Drug	Dosing in adults*	Advantages	Disadvantages
Penicillins (preferred)	Penicillin V	500 mg orally two to three times daily for 10 days	Narrow spectrumNo documented resistanceLow cost	 Three-times-daily dosing; however, twice-daily regimen appears to be as effective as thrice daily^[1]
	Amoxicillin*	500 mg orally twice daily for 10 days 1000 mg (immediate release) once daily for 10 days	 Also available as once-daily extended-release tablet[¶] 	
	Penicillin G benzathine* (Bicillin L-A)	1.2 million units IM as a single dose	 Can be given as a single dose Ensured adherence Only drug studied for prevention of acute rheumatic fever 	Variable availabilityHigh costInjection site pain
Cephalosporins (potential alternatives for mild reactions to penicillin $^{\Delta}$)	Cephalexin* (first generation)	500 mg orally twice daily for 10 days	High efficacy rateNarrower spectrum than later- generation cephalosporins	Broader spectrum than penicillin Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefadroxil* (first generation)	■ 1 g orally daily for 10 days	 Once daily High efficacy rate Narrower spectrum than later-generation cephalosporins 	Broader spectrum than penicillin Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefuroxime* (second generation)	250 mg orally twice daily for 10 days	High efficacy rate Narrower spectrum than later- generation cephalosporins	 Broader spectrum than penicillin and first-generation cephalosporins Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefpodoxime* (third generation)	100 mg orally twice daily for 5 to 10 days	High efficacy rate FDA approved for 5-day course	 Broader spectrum than penicillin and earlier-generation cephalosporins Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefdinir* (third generation)	300 mg orally twice daily for 5 to 10 days or 600 mg orally once daily for 10 days	Once-daily optionHigh efficacy rateFDA approved for 5-day course	 Broader spectrum than penicillin and earlier-generation cephalosporins Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefixime (third generation)	 400 mg orally once daily for 10 days 	Once daily High efficacy rate	Broader spectrum than penicillin Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance

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Macrolides (alternatives for patients with anaphylaxis or other IgE-mediated reactions or severe delayed reactions to penicillin [△])	Azithromycin	■ 12 mg/kg/day (maximum 500 mg/dose) 5 days ♦	Once daily	Growing rates of resistance Rarely associated with prolonged QT interval and TdP
	Clarithromycin*	■ 250 mg orally twice daily for 10 days		 Growing rates of resistance Greater gastrointestinal side effects than azithromycin Causes CYP3A4 drug interactions Rarely associated with prolonged QT interval and TdP
Lincosamides (alternative when macrolide resistance is a concern and penicillins and cephalosporins cannot be used)	Clindamycin	300 mg orally three times daily for 10 days		 Growing rates of resistance High side-effect profile (ie, gastrointestinal)

IM: intramuscularly; FDA: US Food and Drug Administration: TdP: torsades de pointes.

- * Dose alteration may be needed for renal insufficiency.
- ¶ Once-daily immediate-release amoxicillin appears to be non-inferior to penicillin V or amoxicillin administered in multiple daily doses, primarily based on studies in children and adolescents. An extended-release preparation of amoxicillin is also available. The dose in adults is 775 mg orally once daily for 10 days.
- $\Delta \ \text{Approach to patients with penicillin allergy varies among experts and allergy severity; refer to the UpToDate text for additional detail.}$
- ♦ A 3-day course is approved and widely prescribed in Europe and other regions.

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Treatment of pharyngitis due to group A Streptococcus in children and adolescents

Antibiotic class	Drug	Dosing in children and adolescents*	Advantages	Disadvantages
Penicillins (preferred)	Penicillin V	If ≤27 kg: 250 mg 2 to 3 times daily for 10 days If >27 kg: 500 mg 2 to 3 times daily for 10 days	Narrow spectrum No documented resistance Low cost	Thrice-daily dosing; however, twice-daily regimen appears to be as effective as thrice daily ^[1]
	Amoxicillin*	50 mg/kg per day orally (maximum 1000 mg per day) for 10 days May be administered once daily or in 2 equally divided doses	Taste of suspension more palatable than penicillin, often preferred for children Available as once-daily extended-release tablet	
	Penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A)	 If ≤27 kg: Penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A) 600,000 units IM as a single dose^Δ If >27 kg: Penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A) 1.2 million units IM as a single dose 	Can be given as a single dose Ensured adherence Only drug studied for prevention of acute rheumatic fever	Variable availability High cost Injection site pain
Cephalosporins (potential alternatives for mild reactions to penicillin*)	Cephalexin* (first generation)	40 mg/kg/day divided twice daily for 10 days (maximum 500 mg/dose)	High efficacy rate Narrower spectrum than later-generation cephalosporins	Broader spectrum than penicillin Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefuroxime* (second generation)	10 mg/kg/dose orally twice daily for 10 days (maximum 250 mg/dose)	High efficacy rate Narrower spectrum than later-generation cephalosporins	Broader spectrum than penicillin and first-generation cephalosporins Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefpodoxime* (third generation)	5 mg/kg/dose orally every 12 hours (maximum 100 mg/dose) for 5 to 10 days	High efficacy rate FDA approved for 5-day course	Broader spectrum than penicillin and earlier-generation cephalosporins Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance
	Cefdinir* (third generation)	7 mg/kg/dose orally every 12 hours for 5 to 10 days or 14 mg/kg/dose every 24 hours for 10 days (maximum 600 mg/day)	High efficacy rate FDA approved for 5-day course when dosed twice daily	Broader spectrum than penicillin and earlier-generation cephalosporins Greater potential to induce antibiotic resistance

Children

Macrolides (alternatives for patients with anaphylaxis or other IgE-mediated reactions or severe	Azithromycin	■ 12 mg/kg/day (maximum 500 mg/dose) for 5 days	Can be given as a 5-day course due to extended half- life	 Growing rates of resistance Rarely associated with prolonged QT interval and Tdp
delayed reactions to penicillin ^(*)	Clarithromycin*	 7.5 mg/kg/dose (maximum 250 mg per dose) orally twice daily for 10 days 		 Growing rates of resistance Greater gastrointestinal side effects than azithromycin Causes CYP3A4 drug interactions Rarely associated with prolonged QT interval and TdP
Lincosamides (alternative when macrolide resistance is a concern and penicillins and cephalosporins cannot be used)	Clindamycin	7 mg/kg/dose (maximum 300 mg per dose) orally 3 times daily for 10 days		 Growing rates of resistance High side effect profile (ie, gastrointestinal)

IM: intramuscularly; FDA: US Food and Drug Administration; TdP: torsades de pointes.

- * Dose alteration may be needed for renal insufficiency.
- ¶ Once-daily extended-release amoxicillin is recommended by the 2009 American Heart Association guidelines but is not available in all regions. It is noninferior to immediate release amoxicillin administered in multiple daily doses. The dose in adolescents 12 years and older is 775 mg orally once daily for 10 days.

Δ In children weighing ≤27 kg, the combination IM formulation of 900,000 units benzathine penicillin G with 300,000 units procaine penicillin G (Bicillin C-R 900/300) is a less painful alternative. Efficacy in larger children and adults has not been established.

Approach to patients with penicillin allergy varies among experts and allergy severity; refer to UpToDate text for additional details.

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