

C-SECTION WOUND INFECTION V3.0

Comments from the Expert Advisory Group

- Consider sepsis and refer to hospital if suspected.
- These oral options are suitable for superficial incisional wound infections. For deep incisional or suspected organ space infections consider referral to the hospital for further assessment.

Treatment

C-SECTION WOUND INFECTION EMPIRIC ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT TABLE			
Drug	Dose	Duration	Notes
1st choice options			
Co-amoxiclav	625 mg every 8 hours	5-7 days*	Avoid in penicillin allergy
2nd choice options / Penicillin Allergy			
Clindamycin	300 mg - 450 mg every 6 hours	5-7 days*	Caution: risk of <i>C. difficile</i>

* **Where Group A Strep is identified on culture:** duration of therapy to be extended to **10 days**. Antibiotics should be started for **BOTH** mother and neonates within 28 days of delivery as soon as possible, even if asymptomatic. For management of neonates, please refer to HPSC Guidance on **Management of invasive and non-invasive Group A Streptococcal infection for mothers and neonates within 28 days of delivery** available to download [here](#)

Patient Information

- An information sheet on '*Antibiotics and breastfeeding*' is available from the [Breastfeeding Network UK](#)
- Further information on Antibiotics and Breast-feeding can be found on the [Mother to Baby website](#) (USA) (Search or Use Browse by Medications category).
- [HSE My Child](#) is a useful resource for breastfeeding support and general guidance)