

## Antimicrobial Prescribing Guidelines – Local Information



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The [regional antimicrobial prescribing guideline](#) has been produced by the South Central Antimicrobial pharmacist Network (SCAN) and it has been agreed at the Oxfordshire Area Prescribing Committee and at the OUH Antimicrobial Steering Group that this guideline can be adopted by Oxfordshire. As this is a regional guideline then some local aspects of the previous guidelines are not included and therefore this document will act as a signpost to the various local contact details and other related guidelines that may be required in primary care.

### General

- This guidance is for Oxfordshire General Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners and members of Primary Healthcare Teams.
- It is also available for use within Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust for Oxfordshire patients that are provided with community services and specialist mental health services.
- Aspects of this guidance may be relevant for community hospitals, as are the secondary care Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust Antimicrobial Guidelines.  
<http://microguide.horizonsp.co.uk/viewer/ouh/adult>
- Where a 'best guess' therapy has failed or special circumstances exist, advice can be obtained during normal working hours from the OUH Duty Microbiologist on 01865 220880 or bleep 4077 via JR switchboard. Out of hours advice can be obtained by contacting the Microbiology SpR on call via the JR switchboard. There is also an email for non-urgent questions: [microbiology.advice.OUH@nhs.net](mailto:microbiology.advice.OUH@nhs.net)
- **For specialist paediatric microbiology / infectious diseases advice, contact the Paediatric ID Registrar [bleep 4374 via JR switchboard \(01865 741166\)](#).** Out of hours specialist paediatric microbiology / infectious diseases advice can be obtained by contacting the Paediatric ID Consultant on call via the JR switchboard.

### Local Guidelines

- Urinary and Genital Tract

Also see [Oxfordshire CCG Referral Guidelines: Urology](#).

Advice on urogenital infections is available from the Sexual Health Clinic, Churchill Hospital 01865 231231 Monday to Friday 0900-1800.

For further information about investigation and treatment of vaginal discharge see local guideline: [Investigation and Management of Vaginal Discharge in Adult Women](#)

- Gastrointestinal

For further information about investigation and clinical and public health management see local guide; [Management of Acute Diarrhoea In Primary Care](#)

For further information about CDI please see [Managing Clostridium difficile in primary care](#) (C.diff at a glance)

- Over The Counter (OTC) medicines

Some of the options for treatment of infections can be bought over the counter, therefore the [Oxfordshire CCG policy that recommends that medication that can be bought over the counter \(OTC\) should not normally be prescribed](#) should be referred to. The antimicrobial prescribing guidance does suggest where self-care may be appropriate.