

Choice of Prophylactic Agent

Choice of antimicrobial agent is governed by the procedure and likely implicated pathogens at that site. Also, history must be carefully reviewed for both drug allergy (see Appendix 3) and colonisation with MRSA or multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO).

- A glycopeptide (e.g. Vancomycin) should be considered for antibiotic prophylaxis in patients undergoing high risk surgery who are colonised with MRSA.
- For patients colonised with MDRO or CPE, consult local microbiologist for advice on prophylaxis.