

## **Waterford: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Antimicrobial Guideline: Gram Negative Cocci (GNC)**

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Gram negative cocci on gram of blood culture represents presumptive Meningococcal Septicaemia and is a medical emergency warranting urgent senior clinical review, supportive therapy and rapid administration of appropriate empiric antimicrobials pending confirmation of identification. Notify Public Health.

The key is to review the patient urgently for signs and symptoms of meningococcal sepsis. The patient may already be on appropriate empiric therapy following the initial clinical assessment if meningococcal sepsis was suspected. Carry out a NEWS score and follow the Sepsis Six protocol if clinically indicated. Ensure Meningococcal Sepsis Protocols are followed and that the patient is on the appropriate antimicrobials and doses. See relevant section in this guideline.