

**Louth: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Louth Hospitals: Antimicrobial Guidelines: Obstetrics - Severe Life-Threatening Post-natal Sepsis - Source Unclear**

<b>Indication</b>
Obstetrics - Severe Life-Threatening Postnatal Sepsis – Source Unclear
Definition of Severe Sepsis: Sepsis plus sepsis-induced organ dysfunction or tissue hypoperfusion.
<b>First Line Antimicrobials</b>
<b>N.B. Check lab results for history of resistant organisms, e.g. MRSA, ESBL. ALWAYS contact clinical microbiologist for advice.</b>
Meropenem 1g TDS IV
<b>AND</b>
Clindamycin 1.2g QDS IV
<b>N.B. Use meropenem with great caution and close clinical monitoring if history of immediate-onset or severe penicillin hypersensitivity – approximately 1% risk of immediate-onset hypersensitivity to meropenem in patients with history of immediate-onset penicillin hypersensitivity.</b>