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Indication

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First Line Antimicrobials

Prophylactic antibiotics recommended if > 20 weeks gestation, clinically well and no evidence of chorioamnionitis or maternal sepsis:

Benzylpenicillin 2.4g QDS IV x 48 hrs (8 doses) AND Azithromycin 1g STAT PO

Followed by: Amoxicillin 250mg TDS PO x 5 days

Penicillin Hypersensitivity

Azithromycin 1a STAT DO

Comments

If the patient has systemic signs of sepsis, then manage as per chorioamnionitis guidelines.

Microbiological Investigations:

- · HVS for culture
- Low vaginal swab and rectal swab for Group B Streptococcus
- First void urine for Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae
- · Urine for microscopy and culture

Duration

Duration as outlined above. Duration should not extend beyond labour to the post-partum period.

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