

Louth: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Louth Hospitals: Antimicrobial Guidelines: Obstetrics - Tonsillitis

Indication
Obstetrics - Tonsillitis (Bacterial)
First Line Antimicrobials
Phenoxymethylpenicillin 666mg QDS PO
NON-immediate-onset and NON-severe Penicillin Hypersensitivity
Cef-AL-exin 500mg TDS PO
IMMEDIATE-onset or SEVERE Penicillin Hypersensitivity
Azithromycin 500mg on day 1, followed by 250mg daily for 4 days.
Take azithromycin at least one hour before or two hours after food.
Comments
The majority of sore throats are viral; most patients do not benefit from antibiotics.
Duration
5 days. Depending on clinical response, duration can be extended to 10 days (except for azithromycin, for which 5 days is the total course).
If scarlet fever is suspected or confirmed, it is advisable to treat for 10 days duration (except for azithromycin, for which 5 days is the total course).