

Antibiotics for Plastic Surgery				
Type of Surgery	Procedure	1 st Line Antibiotic*	Penicillin allergy: immediate or severe delayed reaction See penicillin hypersensitivity section for further information	Number & Timing of Doses
Prophylaxis in Plastic Surgery See Note Regarding Risk Factors for MRSA See Note Regarding Multi-drug Resistant Organisms (MDRO)	Consider surgical prophylaxis for patients with risk factors for surgical site infection.	Co-amoxiclav* IV 1.2g (one dose only)	Clindamycin* IV 900mg (one dose only)	1 st dose within 60 minutes before incision
Leech therapy (Hirudotherapy) prophylaxis	Consider antimicrobial prophylaxis	Ciprofloxacin PO 500mg every 12 hours (See quinolone warning)	Ciprofloxacin PO 500mg every 12 hours (See quinolone warning)	1 st dose to be given 60 mins before leech therapy, continued for the duration of therapy and for 24 hours after leech therapy
*Antibiotic choice should be guided by microbiological culture results, where an additional agent may be indicated. Discuss with Microbiology or Infectious Disease teams where necessary.				