

Antimicrobial Spectrum of Activity

Antimicrobial	Gram (+)	MRS A	Gram (-)	<i>P.aeruginosa</i>	Anaerobes	Atypicals	Comments
Penicillin (PO, IV)	✓						DOC: <i>Streptococcus</i> (not <i>pneumoniae</i>), <i>Peptostreptococcus</i> , Syphilis
Nafcillin (IV)	✓						DOC: MSSA Can cause significant phlebitis, vesication.
Amoxicillin (PO), Ampicillin (IV)	✓						DOC: <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>
Amox/clavulanate (PO), Amp/sulbactam (IV)	✓		✓		✓		Sulbactam has poor blood brain barrier penetration, do not use for CNS infection.
Piperacillin/tazobactam (IV)	✓		✓	✓	✓		Tazobactam has poor blood brain barrier penetration, not preferred for CNS infection.
Cephalexin (PO), cefazolin (IV)	✓		±				1 st generation
Cefoxitin (IV), cefotetan (IV), cefuroxime (PO)			✓		✓		2 nd generation
Cefdinir (PO), cefpodoxime (PO), ceftriaxone (IV)	✓		✓				3 rd generation
Ceftazidime (IV)	✓		✓	✓			3 rd generation. Not preferred for empiric <i>Pseudomonas</i> coverage.
Cefepime (IV)	✓		✓	✓			4 th generation. Covers AmpC producing organisms. Good CNS penetration.
Ceftaroline (IV)	✓	✓	✓				5 th generation ID approval
Ertapenem (IV)	±		✓		✓		Does NOT cover <i>Pseudomonas</i> .
Meropenem (IV)	±		✓	✓	✓		Adequate CNS penetration, use high dose for meningitis. Covers <i>Listeria</i> .
Aztreonam (IV)			✓	✓			Use in anaphylactic penicillin allergy.
Amikacin (IV), Tobramycin (IV), Gentamicin (IV)			✓	✓			Do not use as monotherapy for resistant gram negative infections. May use as synergy for gram positive infection. Pharmacy to dose.
Vancomycin (IV)	✓	✓					Pharmacy to dose.

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Linezolid (PO, IV)	✓	✓					Covers VRE. 100% bioavailability, excellent bone and CNS penetration. Provides toxin inactivation in necrotizing infection.
Daptomycin (IV)	✓	✓					Covers VRE. Inactivated by pulmonary surfactant, do not use for pneumonia.
Clindamycin (IV)	✓	✓ (CA)			±		Provides toxin inactivation in necrotizing infection.
Levofloxacin (PO, IV)	✓			✓		✓	ID approval required. Alternative agent for <i>Stenotrophomonas</i> .
SMX/TMP (PO, IV)	✓	✓ (CA)	✓				DOC: <i>Stenotrophomonas, Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> pneumonia (PJP). 90% bioavailability
Metronidazole (PO, IV)					✓		DOC: <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> 90-100% bioavailability
Doxycycline (PO, IV)	✓	✓ (CA)				✓	DOC: <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i>
Minocycline (PO, IV)	✓		✓			✓	Alternative agent for resistant <i>Stenotrophomonas</i> .
Azithromycin (PO, IV)	✓					✓	May cause QTc prolongation.
Ceftazidime/avibactam (IV)	±		✓	✓			ESBL, AmpC, CROs ID approval
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (IV)	±		✓	✓			ESBL, AmpC ID approval
Imipenem/relebactam (IV)	✓		✓	✓	✓		ESBL, AmpC, CROs ID approval
Meropenem/vaborbactam (IV)	±		✓	✓	✓		ESBL, AmpC, CROs ID approval

DOC – drug of choice

CA – community acquired

ESBL – likely resistant to penicillins, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation cephalosporins, and aztreonam

AmpC – inducible resistance to ceftriaxone. Organisms including *Enterobacter sp.*, *Klebsiella aerogenes*, & *Citrobacter sp.*

CRO – carbapenem resistant organism