

LSUHSC-S ANTIBIOTIC GUIDELINES		
BITE WOUNDS	INITIAL REGIMENS OF CHOICE	SERIOUS PENICILLIN ALLERGY
I. Cat and Dog Bites		
A. Neonates (1 month)	Consult Pediatric Infectious Diseases	Consult Pediatric Infectious Diseases
B. Infants and Children (>1 month – 12 years)	Amoxicillin/clavulanate (7:1 formulation) 23 mg/kg of amoxicillin PO q12h up to the adult dose, or Ampicillin/sulbactam 25-100 mg/kg of ampicillin IV q6h up to the adult dose	Clindamycin 2.5-5 mg/kg PO q6h or 5-10 mg/kg IV q6h up to the adult dose, and Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole 4-6 mg/kg of trimethoprim PO q12h, or Ceftriaxone 50 mg/kg IV q24h
C. Adults and Children >12 Years	Amoxicillin/clavulanate 875/125 mg PO bid (or 500/125 mg PO tid)	Clindamycin 300 mg PO qid and Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole DS 1 PO bid
II. Human Bites		
A. Neonates (1 month)	Consult Pediatric Infectious Diseases	Consult Pediatric Infectious Diseases
B. Infants and Children (>1 month – 12 years)	Amoxicillin/clavulanate (7:1 formulation) 23 mg/kg of amoxicillin PO q12h up to the adult dose, or Ampicillin/sulbactam 25-100 mg/kg of ampicillin IV q6h up to the adult dose	Clindamycin 2.5-5 mg/kg PO q6h or 5-10 mg/kg IV q6h up to the adult dose, and Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole 4-6 mg/kg of trimethoprim PO q12h, or Ceftriaxone 50 mg/kg IV q24h
C. Adults	Amoxicillin/clavulanate 875/125 mg PO bid or Ampicillin/sulbactam 3 gms IV q6h	Clindamycin 300 mg PO qid or 900 mg IV q8h and Ciprofloxacin 750 mg PO bid or 400 mg IV q12h

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