

LSUHSC-S ANTIBIOTIC GUIDELINES		
DIABETIC FOOT INFECTIONS	INITIAL REGIMENS OF CHOICE	SERIOUS PENICILLIN ALLERGY
I. Non-Limb-Threatening (superficial, no systemic toxicity, cellulitis <2 cm from portal of entry, any ulcer confined to dermis, and no significant ischemia)	Clindamycin 300 mg PO qid, or Cephalexin 500 mg PO qid	Clindamycin 300 mg PO qid
II. Life- or Limb-Threatening (cellulitis more extensive, lymphangitis, ulceration extends to subcutaneous tissues, systemic toxicity, or significant ischemia)	Vancomycin 1 gm IV q12h, and Imipenem 500 mg IV q6h or Piperacillin/tazobactam 4 gm IV q6h	Vancomycin 1 gm IV q12h, and Clindamycin 900 mg IV q8h or Metronidazole 500 mg PO or IV q6h, and Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV or 750 mg PO q12h

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