

<b>LSUHSC-S ANTIBIOTIC GUIDELINES</b>		
<b>MENINGITIS IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS (all patients should have Infectious Diseases consultation)</b>	<b>EMPIRIC REGIMENS OF CHOICE</b>	<b>SERIOUS PENICILLIN ALLERGY</b>
I. Neonates ( $\leq$ 4 weeks of age)	See guidelines for meningitis in neonates	See guidelines for meningitis in neonates
II. Infants 4–12 weeks	Ampicillin 100 mg/kg IV q6h and Ceftriaxone 100 mg/kg IV qd	Consult Pediatric Infectious Diseases
III. Children 12 Weeks–18 Years	Vancomycin 15 mg/kg IV q6h (maximum of 1000 mg/dose) and Ceftriaxone 100 mg/kg IV qd	Consult Pediatric Infectious Diseases
IV. Adults (18–50 years)	Vancomycin 1 gram IV q8-12h and Ceftriaxone 2 grams IV q12h	Consult Infectious Diseases
V. Adults > 50 Years	Vancomycin 1 gram IV q8-12h and Ceftriaxone 2 grams IV q12h and Ampicillin 2 grams IV q4h	Consult Infectious Diseases
VI. Immunocompromised Host	Vancomycin (doses above) and Ampicillin (doses above) and Ceftazidime 50 mg/kg IV q8h to the maximum adult dose (2 grams q8h)	Consult Infectious Diseases

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