

Dosages

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EUCAST breakpoints are based on the following dosages (see section 8 in Rationale Documents). Alternative dosing regimens may result in equivalent exposure. The table should not be considered a guidance for dosing in clinical practice, and does not replace specific local, national, or regional dosing guidelines. However, if national practices significantly differ from those listed below, EUCAST breakpoints may not be valid. Situations where less antibiotic is given as standard or high dose should be discussed locally or regionally.

Uncomplicated UTI: acute, sporadic or recurrent lower urinary tract infections (uncomplicated cystitis) in patients with no known relevant anatomical or functional abnormalities within the urinary tract or comorbidities.

Penicillins	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Benzylpenicillin	0.6 g (1 MU) x 4 iv	1.2 g (2 MU) x 4-6 iv		<p>Meningitis caused by <i>S. pneumoniae</i>: For a dose of 2.4 g (4 MU) x 6 iv, isolates with MIC ≤0.06 mg/L are susceptible.</p> <p>Pneumonia caused by <i>S. pneumoniae</i>: breakpoints are related to dosage: For a dose of 1.2 g (2 MU) x 4 iv, isolates with MIC ≤0.5 mg/L are susceptible. For a dose of 2.4 (4 MU) g x 4 iv or 1.2 g (2 MU) x 6 iv, isolates with MIC ≤1 mg/L are susceptible. For a dose of 2.4 g (4 MU) x 6 iv, isolates with MIC ≤2 mg/L are susceptible.</p>
Ampicillin	2 g x 3 iv	2 g x 4 iv		Meningitis: 2 g x 6 iv
Ampicillin-sulbactam	(2 g ampicillin + 1 g sulbactam) x 3 iv	(2 g ampicillin + 1 g sulbactam) x 4 iv		
Amoxicillin iv	1 g x 3-4 iv	2 g x 6 iv		Meningitis: 2 g x 6 iv
Amoxicillin oral	0.5 g x 3 oral	0.75-1 g x 3 oral	0.5 g x 3 oral	
Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid iv	(1 g amoxicillin + 0.2 g clavulanic acid) x 3-4 iv	(2 g amoxicillin + 0.2 g clavulanic acid) x 3 iv		
Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid oral	(0.5 g amoxicillin + 0.125 g clavulanic acid) x 3 oral	(0.875 g amoxicillin + 0.125 g clavulanic acid) x 3 oral	(0.5 g amoxicillin + 0.125 g clavulanic acid) x 3 oral	Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid has separate breakpoints for systemic infections and uncomplicated UTI. When amoxicillin-clavulanic acid is reported for uncomplicated UTI, the report must make clear that the susceptibility category is only valid for uncomplicated UTI.
Piperacillin	4 g x 4 iv	4 g x 4 iv by extended 3-hour infusion		High dosage for more serious infections.
Piperacillin-tazobactam	(4 g piperacillin + 0.5 g tazobactam) x 4 iv <u>30-minute infusion</u> or x 3 iv by extended 4-hour infusion	(4 g piperacillin + 0.5 g tazobactam) x 4 iv by extended 3-hour infusion		A lower dosage of (4 g piperacillin + 0.5 g tazobactam) x 3 iv, <u>30-minute infusion</u> , is adequate for some infections such as complicated UTI, intraabdominal infections and diabetic foot infections, but not for infections caused by isolates resistant to third-generation cephalosporins.
Ticarcillin	3 g x 4 iv	3 g x 6 iv		
Ticarcillin-clavulanic acid	(3 g ticarcillin + 0.1-0.2 g clavulanic acid) x 4 iv	(3 g ticarcillin + 0.1 g clavulanic acid) x 6 iv		
Temocillin	2 g x 2 iv	2 g x 3 iv		The 2 g x 2 iv dose has been used in the treatment of uncomplicated UTI caused by bacteria with beta-lactam resistance mechanisms.
Phenoxyethylpenicillin	0.5-2 g x 3-4 oral depending on species and/or infection type	None		
Oxacillin	1 g x 4 iv	1 g x 6 iv		The high exposure dosing regimen pertains to the severity of the infection or drug exposure at the site of infection.
Cloxacillin	0.5 g x 4 oral or 1 g x 4 iv	1 g x 4 oral or 2 g x 6 iv		The high exposure dosing regimen pertains to the severity of the infection or drug exposure at the site of infection.
Dicloxacillin	0.5-1 g x 4 oral or 1 g x 4 iv	2 g x 4 oral or 2 g x 6 iv		The high exposure dosing regimen pertains to the severity of the infection or drug exposure at the site of infection.
Flucloxacillin	1 g x 3 oral or 2 g x 4 iv (or 1 g x 6 iv)	1 g x 4 oral or 2 g x 6 iv		The high exposure dosing regimen pertains to the severity of the infection or drug exposure at the site of infection.
Mecillinam oral (pivmecillinam)	None	None	0.2-0.4 g x 3 oral	

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Cephalosporins	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Cefaclor	0.25-0.5 g x 3 oral depending on species and/or infection type	1 g x 3 oral		<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.: Minimum dose 0.5 g x 3 oral
Cefadroxil	0.5-1 g x 2 oral	None	0.5-1 g x 2 oral	
Cefalexin	0.25-1 g x 2-3 oral	None	0.25-1 g x 2-3 oral	
Cefazolin	1 g x 3 iv	2 g x 3 iv		
Cefepime	1 g x 3 iv or 2 g x 2 iv	2 g x 3 iv		
Cefiderocol	2 g x 3 iv over 3 hours	None		
Cefixime	0.2-0.4 g x 2 oral	None	0.2-0.4 g x 2 oral	Uncomplicated gonorrhoea: 0.4 g oral as a single dose
Cefotaxime	1 g x 3 iv	2 g x 3 iv		Meningitis: 2 g x 4 iv <i>S. aureus</i> : High dose only
Cefpodoxime	0.1-0.2 g x 2 oral	None	0.1-0.2 g x 2 oral	
Ceftaroline	0.6 g x 2 iv over 1 hour	0.6 g x 3 iv over 2 hours		<i>S. aureus</i> in complicated skin and skin structure infections: There is some PK-PD evidence to suggest that isolates with MICs of 4 mg/L could be treated with high dose.
Ceftazidime	1 g x 3 iv	2 g x 3 iv or 1 g x 6 iv		
Ceftazidime-avibactam	(2 g ceftazidime + 0.5 g avibactam) x 3 iv over 2 hours			
Ceftibuten	0.4 g x 1 oral	None		
Ceftobiprole	0.5 g x 3 iv over 2 hours	None		
Ceftolozane-tazobactam (intra-abdominal infections and UTI)	(1 g ceftolozane + 0.5 g tazobactam) x 3 iv over 1 hour	None		
Ceftolozane-tazobactam (hospital acquired pneumonia, including ventilator associated pneumonia)	(2 g ceftolozane + 1 g tazobactam) x 3 iv over 1 hour	None		
Ceftriaxone	2 g x 1 iv	2 g x 2 iv or 4 g x 1 iv		Meningitis: 2 g x 2 iv or 4 g x 1 iv <i>S. aureus</i> : High dose only Uncomplicated gonorrhoea: 0.5-1 g im as a single dose
Cefuroxime iv	0.75 g x 3 iv	1.5 g x 3 iv		
Cefuroxime oral	0.25 g x 2 oral	0.5 g x 2 oral	0.25 g x 2 oral	

Carbapenems	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Doripenem	0.5 g x 3 iv over 1 hour	1 g x 3 iv over 1 hour		HAP/VAP* due to non-fermenting Gram-negative pathogens (such as <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp. and <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.) should be treated with 1 g x 3 iv over 4 hours.
Ertapenem	1 g x 1 iv over 30 minutes	None		
Imipenem	0.5 g x 4 iv over 30 minutes	1 g x 4 iv over 30 minutes		
Imipenem-relebactam	(0.5 g imipenem + 0.25 g relebactam) x 4 iv over 30 minutes	None		
Meropenem	1 g x 3 iv over 30 minutes	2 g x 3 iv over 3 hours		Meningitis: 2 g x 3 iv over 30 minutes (or 3 hours)
Meropenem-vaborbactam	(2 g meropenem + 2 g vaborbactam) x 3 iv over 3 hours			

* HAP/VAP = hospital-acquired pneumonia/ventilator-associated pneumonia

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Monobactams	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Aztreonam	1 g x 3 iv	2 g x 4 iv		

Fluoroquinolones	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Ciprofloxacin	0.5 g x 2 oral or 0.4 g x 2 iv	0.75 g x 2 oral or 0.4 g x 3 iv		
Delafloxacin	0.45 g x 2 oral or 0.3 g x 2 iv	None		
Levofloxacin	0.5 g x 1 oral or 0.5 g x 1 iv	0.5 g x 2 oral or 0.5 g x 2 iv		
Moxifloxacin	0.4 g x 1 oral or 0.4 g x 1 iv	None		
Norfloxacin	None	None	0.4 g x 2 oral	
Ofloxacin	0.2 g x 2 oral or 0.2 g x 2 iv	0.4 g x 2 oral or 0.4 g x 2 iv		

Aminoglycosides	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Amikacin	25-30 mg/kg x 1 iv	None		
Gentamicin	6-7 mg/kg x 1 iv	None		
Netilmicin	Under review	Under review		
Tobramycin	6-7 mg/kg x 1 iv	None		

Glycopeptides and lipoglycopeptides	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Dalbavancin	1 g x 1 iv over 30 minutes on day 1 If needed, 0.5 g x 1 iv over 30 minutes on day 8	None		
Oritavancin	1.2 g x 1 (single dose) iv over 3 hours	None		
Teicoplanin	0.4 g x 1 iv	0.8 g x 1 iv		
Telavancin	10 mg/kg x 1 iv over 1 hour	None		
Vancomycin	0.5 g x 4 iv or 1 g x 2 iv or 2 g x 1 by continuous infusion	None		Based on body weight. Therapeutic drug monitoring should guide dosing.

Macrolides, lincosamides and streptogramins	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Azithromycin	0.5 g x 1 oral or 0.5 g x 1 iv	None		Uncomplicated gonorrhoea: 2 g oral as a single dose
Clarithromycin	0.25 g x 2 oral	0.5 g x 2 oral		In some countries clarithromycin is available for intravenous administration at a dose of 0.5 g x 2, principally for treating pneumonia.
Erythromycin	0.5 g x 2-4 oral or 0.5 g x 2-4 iv	1 g x 4 oral or 1 g x 4 iv		
Roxithromycin	0.15 g x 2 oral	None		
Telithromycin	0.8 g x 1 oral	None		
Clindamycin	0.3 g x 2 oral or 0.6 g x 3 iv	0.3 g x 4 oral or 0.9 g x 3 iv		The high exposure dosing regimen pertains to the severity of the infection or drug exposure at the site of infection.
Quinupristin-dalfopristin	7.5 mg/kg x 2 iv	7.5 mg/kg x 3 iv		

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Tetracyclines	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Doxycycline	0.1 g x 1 oral	0.2 g x 1 oral		
Eravacycline	1 mg/kg x 2 iv	None		
Minocycline	0.1 g x 2 oral	None		
Tetracycline	0.25 g x 4 oral	0.5 g x 4 oral		
Tigecycline	0.1 g loading dose followed by 50 mg x 2 iv	None		

Oxazolidinones	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Linezolid	0.6 g x 2 oral or 0.6 g x 2 iv	None		
Tedizolid	0.2 g x 1 oral or 0.2 g x 1 iv	None		

Miscellaneous agents	Standard dosage	High dosage	Uncomplicated UTI	Special situations
Chloramphenicol	1 g x 4 oral or 1 g x 4 iv	2 g x 4 oral or 2 g x 4 iv		For chloramphenicol treatment of meningitis always use intravenous high dose.
Colistin	4.5 MU x 2 iv with a loading dose of 9 MU	None		
Daptomycin (cSSTI** without concurrent <i>S. aureus</i> bacteraemia)	4 mg/kg x 1 iv	None		
Daptomycin (cSSTI** with concurrent <i>S. aureus</i> bacteraemia; right-sided infective endocarditis due to <i>S. aureus</i>)	6 mg/kg x 1 iv	None		Enterococcal bloodstream infection and endocarditis, see https://www.eucast.org/eucastguidancedocuments .
Fidaxomicin	0.2 g x 2 oral	None		
Fosfomycin iv	4 g x 3 iv	8 g x 3 iv		
Fosfomycin oral	None	None	3 g x 1 oral as a single dose	
Fusidic acid	0.5 g x 2 oral or 0.5 g x 2 iv	0.5 g x 3 oral or 0.5 g x 3 iv		
Lefamulin	0.15 g x 2 iv or 0.6 g x 2 oral	None		
Metronidazole	0.4 g x 3 oral or 0.4 g x 3 iv	0.5 g x 3 oral or 0.5 g x 3 iv		
Nitrofurantoin	None	None	50-100 mg x 3-4 oral	Dosing is dependent on drug formulation.
Nitroxoline	None	None	0.25 g x 3 oral	
Rifampicin	0.6 g x 1 oral or 0.6 g x 1 iv			
Spectinomycin	2 g x 1 im	None		
Trimethoprim	None	None	0.16 g x 2 oral	
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	(0.16 g trimethoprim + 0.8 g sulfamethoxazole) x 2 oral or (0.16 g trimethoprim + 0.8 g sulfamethoxazole) x 2 iv	(0.24 g trimethoprim + 1.2 g sulfamethoxazole) x 2 oral or (0.24 g trimethoprim + 1.2 g sulfamethoxazole) x 2 iv	(0.16 g trimethoprim + 0.8 g sulfamethoxazole) x 2 oral	

** cSSTI = complicated skin and skin structure infection