

Animal Bites: Treatment Overview

Read L → R	Appropriate regimen = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4			
	1: Donor oral organisms	2: <i>S. aureus</i>	3: Streptococci	4: Anaerobes
Oral treatment – not penicillin allergic	Co-amoxiclav oral 625mg 8 hourly			
Oral treatment – penicillin allergy	Doxycycline [†] oral 200mg as a stat dose, followed by 100mg 12 hourly			Metronidazole oral 400mg 8 hourly
IV treatment – not penicillin allergic	Co-amoxiclav IV 1.2g 8 hourly			
Inpatient treatment – penicillin allergy	Levofloxacin [†] oral or IV* 500mg 12 hourly			Metronidazole oral 400mg or IV* 500mg 8 hourly

***Oral treatment is highly bioavailable – only use IV if oral route compromised.**

[†]Doxycycline and levofloxacin are **contraindicated** in pregnancy.

For an alternative *oral* option in penicillin allergic pregnant patients to replace doxycycline in the above regime, see [here](#).

For an alternative option to levofloxacin for inpatient management of animal bites in penicillin allergic pregnant patients, discuss with an Infection Specialist.