

Moderate DFI (Grade 3) – Outpatient Treatment

	Appropriate regimen = A + B + C		
	A: Gram negatives	B: <i>S. aureus</i> , Streptococci	C: Anaerobes
No recent antimicrobials for mild DFI	Doxycycline oral 200mg as a STAT dose, then 100mg 12 hourly		Metronidazole oral 400mg 8 hourly
Recent antimicrobials for DFI OR treatment failure on doxycycline + metronidazole, no history of <i>C. difficile</i> infection	First line		
		Clindamycin oral 150 – 450mg 6 hourly	
	Second line		
	Levofloxacin* oral 500mg 12 hourly		Metronidazole oral 400mg 8 hourly
Previous <i>C. difficile</i> infection OR treatment failure on previous regimen OR ECG monitoring impractical	Co-trimoxazole oral 960mg 12 hourly Note: does not provide anti-pseudomonal cover		Metronidazole oral 400mg 8 hourly

Duration: 14 – 21 days (if osteomyelitis, 6 weeks initially)

*Levofloxacin at high dose may prolong the QTc interval. ECG review at the start of therapy and regular monitoring during the course of treatment should be undertaken by a suitably trained member of the multidisciplinary team, particularly if other medications with effect on the QTc interval are given as part of their regular medication.