

Moderate – Severe DFI (Inpatient Treatment)

Severe diabetic foot disease should be managed by a multi-disciplinary team and the empirical choices below should be reviewed with input from a diabetes specialist.

	Appropriate regimen = A + B + C		
	A: <i>S. aureus</i>	B: Gram negatives	C: Anaerobes
Moderate or severe DFI, inpatient treatment – no MRSA or penicillin allergy	Flucloxacillin IV 2g 6 hourly	Gentamicin [†] IV as per gentamicin dosage guidelines	Metronidazole oral 400mg or IV* 500mg 8 hourly
Moderate or severe DFI, inpatient treatment – MRSA, or penicillin allergy	Vancomycin IV as per vancomycin dosage guidelines		
Severe DFI with septic shock	Treat as per guideline for Necrotising Fasciitis		

*Only use IV if oral route compromised.

[†]Gentamicin must not be administered to patients with myasthenia gravis as it can precipitate a myasthenic crisis.