

5 Key Messages

1 Antimicrobial App Changeover

The Antimicrobial Companion app is closing and all guidance including the gentamicin and vancomycin calculators are moving over to the new app 'Right Decision: Health and Care'. This move took place on Thursday 25th April. Staff are encouraged to download the new app to ensure access to guidance and the calculators. Once downloaded, search 'Tayside antimicrobial' into the search bar, select the option with NHS Tayside logo and click 'add to my toolkits'. Once opened for the first time it will then be available in the 'my toolkit' section of the app. The desktop versions of the gentamicin and vancomycin calculators and antimicrobial guidance continue to be available via the [Antimicrobial website](#) as usual. In some cases you may need to right click to open the calculators but a message is on the website next to the link.

2 [Pneumonia Guidance](#)

The 'Management of Pneumonia Guidance' has been updated in collaboration with the Respiratory team and Antimicrobial Management Team. The new guidance is a single document containing recommendations for managing patients with community acquired pneumonia, hospital acquired pneumonia, aspiration pneumonia and links to treatment guidance for other types of pneumonia. The antimicrobial website has been updated to replace the individual pneumonia policies with this one guidance document.

Key changes:

- Definitions of community, hospital and aspiration pneumonia updated
- Routine anaerobic cover with metronidazole **has been removed** from aspiration pneumonia regimens in line with national and international guidance
- Doxycycline dose for all non severe pneumonia (community, hospital and aspiration) rationalised to 200mg day 1 then 100mg daily for days 2 to 5
- Hospital and Primary Care Adult Empirical Treatment of Infection Guidance documents have been updated on the antimicrobial website

3 PADL Drug files have been created in HEPMA to support the Penicillin Allergy De-labelling process. If prescribing an oral challenge as part of the PADL process, please select either Flucloxacillin 500mg (PADL Use Only) or Amoxicillin 500mg (PADL Use Only) as a stat dose. Further information to support the PADL process can be found on the [PADL page](#) of the Antimicrobial website.

4 Care Home Education Sessions – Save the Date(s)

The Antimicrobial Management Team will be hosting education sessions for Care Home staff and teams who support Care homes to raise awareness of Antimicrobial Stewardship. The sessions will be held on Teams on the following dates: 5th June 2.30pm – 3.30pm, 12th June 2.30pm – 3.30pm & 17th June 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Save the dates – more information to follow.

5 Antimicrobial Guidance Updates

A number of additional antimicrobial guidance documents have been reviewed and updated in line with local and national evidence. These include Opportunistic Infections in HIV, Treatment of Influenza, Ophthalmology Infections Guidance and Infective Diarrhoea. These guidance documents will be updated on the antimicrobial website in due course.



NES Raising Awareness of Antimicrobial Stewardship for Nurses/Midwives is now a programme within TURAS which provides a certificate on completion. The programme incorporates a pre and post programme reflection activity which in combination with the certificate can be used as evidence for revalidation purposes.