

LEGIONELLA PNEUMONIA

SEVERITY	ANTIBIOTIC REGIMEN
SEVERE (CURB65 SCORE ≥ 3)	See Management of Community Acquired Pneumonia and seek advice from ID/microbiology
MILD OR MODERATE (CURB65 SCORE ≤ 2)*	Levofloxacin 500mg bd for 10-14 days OR Clarithromycin 500mg plus rifampicin 600mg bd for 10-21 days

The above regimes assume normal renal and hepatic function.

*note that Pontiac fever is a mild, flu-like illness caused by Legionella bacteria, often affecting previously healthy, young individuals. Symptoms can include fever, headaches and muscle aches but unlike Legionnaires disease, Pontiac fever does not cause pneumonia and antibiotics are generally not required.

Ref: British Thoracic Society: Guidelines for the Management of Community acquired Pneumonia in Adults 2009