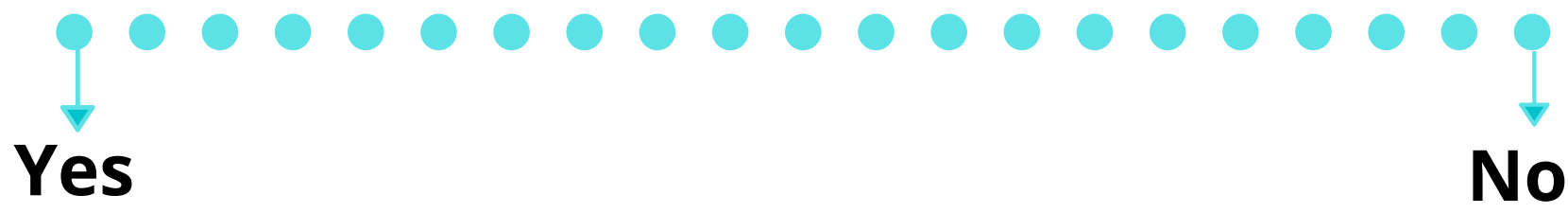


# Intravenous Antibiotic - Oral Switch Therapy (IVOST) Guidance

NOTE: There is **NO MINIMUM** duration for IV Antibiotics - they should be **reviewed** every **12 - 24hrs**. IVOST at the earliest appropriate point in care

Does the patient meet the **H.O.M.E** criteria?



**Yes**

**No**

If empirical therapy still required refer to step down options on antibiotic policy and check for adverse drug reactions/interactions

Continue IV antibiotics

Continue to monitor closely

Review need for IV therapy again after 12-24hrs

- Review Microbiology results and working diagnosis
- Target therapy as per sensitivities
- Check for adverse drug reactions/interactions
- Document **indication** in medical notes and **duration** on **HEPMA**

If in doubt, seek advice from pharmacist

Monitor patients response to oral therapy

**H**

- **Haemodynamically stable** (BP/HR normalising & apyrexial  $\geq 24$ hrs)

**O**

- **Oral route available**
- **Eating/drinking**
- **No malabsorption**

**M**

- **Infection Markers improving** (WCC trending towards normal)

**E**

- **Exclude deep seated infection source** (deep seated infection may require prolonged IV therapy)