

STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU PRESCRIBE ANTIBIOTICS Does your patient actually have an infection, and require treatment?

- Ensure optimal management of co-existing conditions, particularly diabetes mellitus, peripheral vascular disease or rheumatoid arthritis
- If appearance is atypical or if there is failure to progress after 12 weeks appropriate management consider referral
- Optimal wound care must be maintained throughout treatment – See NHS Tayside wound management formulary (WMF)
- Consider differential diagnosis of venous eczema in suspected bilateral lower limb cellulitis
- Wounds less than 4 weeks old are not considered chronic and should be managed according to the NHS Tayside Wound Management Formulary (WMF)
- Recommendations are for non-pregnant adults and doses stated assume normal renal and hepatic function

