

ANTIMICROBIAL USE IN PANCREATITIS

Mild Pancreatitis

Antibiotics should not be prescribed

Severe Acute Necrotising Pancreatitis (>30% necrosis on CT scan)

- Consider antibiotic treatment Amoxicillin 1g tds IV + Metronidazole 500mg tds IV + Gentamicin IV (see guidance)
- Refer to Hepatobiliary Team
- Seek advice from ID/Microbiology once cultures available or if patient deteriorates.
- Step down to PO Co-trimoxazole 960mg bd + Metronidazole 400mg tds

Established Infected Pancreatic Necrosis/Infected peri or pancreatic collection

- Antibiotic management based on positive cultures from infected drain fluid
- Refer to Hepatobiliary Team
- Seek advice from ID/Microbiology

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