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