

# Pharyngitis - Acute

Viral etiology is responsible for majority of cases in adults (80-90%) and do not require antimicrobial therapy.

Group A *Streptococcus* (GAS) is most common bacterial cause of pharyngitis. Occasionally pharyngitis is caused by Group C, G streptococci and *Arcanobacterium haemolyticum*

## Acute (preferred therapy)

Drug	Dose	Route	Duration
Penicillin VK	600 mg BID or 300 mg TID	PO	10 days

## Relapse or Recurrent (confirm by culture)

Drug	Dose	Route	Duration
Clindamycin	300 mg TID	PO	10 days
Amoxicillin-clavulanate	875-125 mg BID	PO	10 days

## If severe penicillin allergy

Drug	Dose	Route	Duration
Cephalexin	500 mg BID	PO	10 days
Clindamycin	300 mg TID	PO	10 days
Azithromycin	500 mg daily	PO	3 days
Clarithromycin	250 mg BID	PO	10 days

## Click link for Gonococcal Pharyngitis



Remember to check cultures, revise your diagnosis and consider oral Rx by day 3



# Pharyngitis - Gonococcal

Caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*.

Test of cure recommended after completion of therapy.

## Preferred therapy, choose ONE of:

Drug	Dose	Route	Duration
Ceftriaxone	250 mg	IM	1 dose
Cefixime	800 mg	PO	1 dose
<b>*AND choose ONE of:*</b>			
Azithromycin	1 g	PO	1 dose
Doxycycline	100 mg BID	PO	7 days

## If severe cephalosporin allergy

Drug	Dose	Route	Duration
Azithromycin	2 g	PO	1 dose



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