

**PATIENT NAME:**

**SURGICAL PROCEDURE:**

**DATE OF SURGERY:**

**After you have a total knee or total hip replacement, it is important that your other doctors know that you have a total joint replacement.**

**Certain medical procedures can cause bacteria [germs] to enter your bloodstream. Without these antibiotics, the bacteria can make their way to your total joint and cause a bad infection.**

*This sheet will tell other doctors what kind of antibiotics you would need.*

**ANTIBIOTICS SHOULD BE USED FOR:**

- **all dental procedures, including cleaning**
- **colonscopy, endoscopy, or urology procedures...basically, any procedure where a doctor puts a tube into an existing opening on your body**
- **any lung infections**
- **any other serious infection on your skin, or anywhere else on your body.**

**FOR DENTAL, ORAL, OR UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT PROCEDURES :**

Amoxicillin 3 grams orally one hour before procedure, then 1.5 grams orally 6 hours after the first dose OR

Erythromycin ethylsuccinate orally 800 mg 2 hours before procedure, 400 mg 6 hours after the first dose OR

Erythromycin stearate orally 1 gram 2 hours before procedure, 500 mg 6 hours after first dose OR

Cleocin 300 mg orally 1 hour before procedure, 150 mg 6 hours after first dose

**FOR GASTRO-INTESTINAL OR GENITO-URINARY PROCEDURES :**

Ampicillin 2 grams iv or im 30 minutes before procedure, repeat same dose 8 hours after first dose **PLUS**  
Gentamicin 1.5 mg/Kg [no more than 80 mg Gentamicin] iv or im 30 minutes before procedure.....

It is ok to give Amoxicillin 1.5 grams orally 6 hours after initial doses, if patient is not a hospital inpatient.

Alternate low-risk regimen is Amoxicillin 3 grams orally 1 hour before procedure, then 1.5 grams 6 hours after first dose

**IF ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN / AMOXICILLIN / AMPICILLIN :**

Vancomycin 1 gram iv over 1 hour, plus Gentamicin 1.5 mg/Kg [not over 80 mg], one hour before procedure.  
Repeat the dose of both drugs 8 hours after the initial dose.

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