

OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGES TO:

NEWBORN ANTIBIOTIC GUIDELINE FOR EARLY AND LATE ONSET SEPSIS DURING BIRTH EPISODE OF CARE

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Section	Current wording	Changed to	Rationale
Page 8	ampicillin 50 mg/kg, 8 hourly	ampicillin 50 mg/kg, 12 hourly	
INDICATION: EARLY ONSET SEPSIS ASSOCIATED WITH BIRTH (<72 hours old)	If newborn is severely unwell with suspected or known meningitis ADD cefotaxime 50 mg/kg, 12 hourly	If newborn is severely unwell with suspected or known meningitis ADD cefotaxime 50 mg/kg, 8 hourly	Align with changes to Neomed guidelines
Page 9	If newborn has suspected or known meningitis REPLACE flucloxacillin with ampicillin 0-7 days old, 8 hourly 7-28 days old, 6 hourly PLUS	If newborn has suspected or known meningitis REPLACE flucloxacillin with ampicillin 0-7 days old, 12 hourly 8-28 days old, 6 hourly PLUS	Align with changes to Neomed guidelines
INDICATION: LATE ONSET SEPSIS ASSOCIATED WITH BIRTH (\geq 72 hours old)	cefotaxime 50 mg/kg 0-7 days old, 12 hourly 7-28 days old, 8 hourly	cefotaxime 50 mg/kg 0-7 days old, 8 hourly 8-28 days old, 6 hourly	Align with changes to Neomed guidelines
	If abdominal sepsis is known or suspected ADD metronidazole 15 mg/kg as a loading dose then subsequent doses of: 7.5 mg/kg < 7 days old 12-hourly 15 mg/kg 7-28 days old 12 hourly	If abdominal sepsis is known or suspected ADD metronidazole 15 mg/kg as a loading dose then subsequent doses of: 7.5 mg/kg 0 - 7 days old 8-hourly 7.5 mg/kg 8-28 days old 6 hourly	Align with changes to Neomed guidelines
Footer and title amended to reflect date of revision			