Antibiotic Prophylaxis Prior to Dental Procedures
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Infective Endocarditis: Who Needed it Before But Doesn’t Need it Anymore?

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- Patients with:
  1. Artificial heart valves
     - (this includes animal tissue derived valves)
     - Prosthetic valves
  2. A history of infective endocarditis
  3. Cardiac transplant that develops a heart valve problem

In United States, at least 2 million people become infected with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics.

- At least 23,000 people die each year as a direct result of these infections.

- Many more people die from other conditions that were complicated by an antibiotic-resistant infection.

Ticking time bomb

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - 1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333, USA.
- USA.GOV

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- Certain congenital heart conditions:
  - Unrepaired or incompletely-repaired cyanotic congenital heart disease, including patients with palliative shunts.

- Completely repaired congenital heart defect with prosthetic material or device, whether placed by surgical or catheter intervention, during the first six months after the procedure.
  - Endothelialization of prosthetic material occurs within the first six months after the procedure.

- Any repaired congenital heart defect with residual defect
  - at the site or adjacent to the site of a prosthetic patch or a prosthetic device.

- YES you have to learn to communicate with the Cardiologist/Thoracic surgeon NOT JUST THE PCP.
Antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended for:

- All dental procedures that involve:
  - Manipulation of the gingival tissue
  - Manipulation of the periapical region of the teeth
  - Perforation of the oral mucosa.

**Infective Endocarditis: Dental Procedures Requiring Antibiotic Prophylaxis**

- Scaling and root planing of teeth
- Periodontal procedures
- Curetting of tissue
- Periodontal surgery
- Subgingival placement of antibiotic fibers and strips
- Tooth extraction
- Biopsies
- Prophylactic cleaning of teeth or implants where bleeding is anticipated
- Dental implant placement
- Reparation of avulsed teeth
- Endodontic instrumentation including apex
- Surgery
- Placement of orthodontic bands
- Intraligametary and intraosseous local anaesthetic injections

**Infective Endocarditis: Dental Procedures That DO NOT Require Antibiotic Prophylaxis**

- Routine anesthetic injections
  - Through non-infected tissue (Non intraosseous and non-intraligametary)
- Restorative and prosthodontic procedures with and without retraction cord
- Taking dental radiographs
- Intracanal endodontic treatment (not extending past apex), post placement, and core build up
- Placement of rubber dams

**Total Joint Replacement: Guidelines for Prophylaxis**

- Ultimately, it is recommended that physicians, dentists, and patients work together to formulate an ideal treatment plan based on evidence, clinical judgment and patient preferences.
- So basically, the decision on whether to give antibiotic prophylaxis is based on whether the patient’s physician and orthopedic surgeon recommend that the patient have antibiotic prophylaxis, your clinical judgment, and the wishes of the patient.
  - Document your discussion !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- It would be medico-legally prudent to communicate in writing with:
  - Patient’s orthopedic surgeon and primary care provider to ascertain whether or not they recommend antibiotic prophylaxis.
  - Document !!!!

**Example: Medical clearance Correspondence**

Dear Dr. Bones,

I am writing regarding a mutual patient, George Pelvis, who is a patient of record in our dental practice. In reviewing George’s medical history, it was noted that he underwent a right total hip replacement in December of 2013. George will be undergoing ongoing dental care in our dental practice. Based on the most recent clinical practice guidelines of the AAOS/ADA in preventing orthopedic implant infection, George does not require antibiotic prophylaxis prior to dental treatment. However, I would like to obtain your professional opinion and based on his specific medical history, George requires antibiotic prophylaxis prior to dental treatment and we will gladly comply. Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jack D. Molar
## Prophylaxis: Considerations

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**Cephalosporins – do not use in pts with hx of anaphylaxis, angioedema, or urticaria with pen or ampicillin.**