

Logan Hospital IV amoxicillin-clavulanate Trial
Antibiotic Prescribing Guidelines

Peritonitis, cholangitis or severe diverticulitis

gentamicin IV
&
ampicillin 2g IV 6-hourly
&
metronidazole 400mg PO or 500mg IV 12-hourly
(may be omitted in cholecystitis or cholangitis
without biliary obstruction)

If IV therapy is required beyond 48 hours, or gentamicin is contraindicated, change to:

amoxicillin-clavulanate 1.2g IV 6-hourly

In non-immediate penicillin hypersensitivity, use:

ceftriaxone 1g IV daily
&
metronidazole 400mg PO or 500mg IV 12-hourly

For immediate penicillin hypersensitivity, seek Infectious Diseases advice.