

Suggested Duration of Therapy for Common Infectious Diseases*

Site of Infection	Clinical Diagnosis	Duration of Therapy
Blood	Bacteremia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> - Uncomplicated Gram-negative - Complicated Gram-negative - Uncomplicated CoNS catheter-related (with line removal) - All other organisms 	<u>Minimum</u> 14 days from 1 st negative culture 7 days 14 days 5-7 days 14 days from 1 st negative culture
Heart	Infective endocarditis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viridans Group Strep - <i>Enterococcus</i> spp. - <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> 	2-6 weeks 4-6 weeks 6 weeks
Brain	Meningitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> - <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> - <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> - <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> - Gram-negative - HSV or VZV 	7 days 7 days 10 days 21 days 14-21 days 21 days
Bone	Osteomyelitis	6 weeks
Joint	Septic arthritis Gonococcal arthritis Prosthetic joint infection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retention - One-step exchange - Two-step exchange - Permanent resection - Amputation 	14 days 7 days 6 weeks (non-Staph), 3-6 months (Staph) 6 weeks (non-Staph), 3 months (Staph) 6 weeks 6 weeks 24 hours if adequate surgical margins
GI	Cholecystitis Acute uncomplicated diverticulitis Acute uncomplicated appendicitis	4-7 days 4-7 days 4-7 days

	Peritonitis <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> infection	4-7 days 10 days
Genitourinary	Asymptomatic bacteriuria Uncomplicated cystitis Complicated cystitis Pyelonephritis Acute Bacterial Prostatitis Chronic Bacterial Prostatitis	Do not treat ^ 3 days 7 days 7 days (FQ), 10 days (TMP/SMX, β -lactam) 4 weeks 4-6 weeks
Lung	CAP HAP/VAP Legionella pneumonia PJP pneumonia	5 days 7 days 7 days 21 days
Skin	Cellulitis Purulent SSTI (with I&D) Bite Wound Diabetic Foot Infection (no osteomyelitis) Necrotizing fasciitis Surgical site infection	5 days Outpatient: 5 days, Inpatient: 7 days 7 days Mild or Moderate: 7 days, Severe: 14 days 7 days after last surgical debridement 24 hours after surgical debridement

*Assuming clinical improvement

^Exceptions: pregnant, renal transplant within past 1 month, undergoing traumatic urologic procedure