

**PO Alternatives to Commonly Prescribed IV Antibiotics
(Those that are NOT automatic switches per IV to PO Policy)**

The following alternatives are not automatic switches per the IV to PO policy due to either poor oral bioavailability or lacking in antimicrobial coverage compared to the IV alternative. It is therefore even more important when recommending these alternatives to be sure that the patient is clinically improving and that the recommendation is appropriate. **PO alternatives are indication- and organism-dependent.**

IV Antibiotic	Possible PO Alternative(s)*
Ampicillin	Amoxicillin
Ampicillin/sulbactam (Unasyn)	Amoxicillin/clavulanate (Augmentin)
Piperacillin/tazobactam (Zosyn)	Amoxicillin/clavulanate (Augmentin) <u>plus</u> Ciprofloxacin (Cipro)
Cefazolin (Ancef, Kefzol)	-Amoxicillin, Bactrim, or cephalexin* based on susceptibilities for E.coli (or other) UTIs -Cephalexin (Keflex)—Use for cellulitis
Ceftriaxone (Rocephin)	-Cefuroxime (Ceftin)—Use for pneumonias -Cephalexin (Keflex)—Use for susceptible UTIs -Bactrim or ciprofloxacin for susceptible bugs for pyelonephritis
Doxycycline	Doxycycline
Nafcillin or Oxacillin	-Dicloxacillin -Cephalexin (Keflex)
Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (Bactrim)	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (Bactrim)
Vancomycin for MRSA	Depending on susceptibility: -Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (Bactrim) -Doxycycline -Clindamycin

*Be sure to know what infection/bug they are treating so you can check that the PO alternative is covering the right thing and that susceptibilities, if available, match

Automatic IV to PO Switches Approved per P&T Protocol:

Intravenous Medication	Oral Conversion
Levofloxacin 750mg IV	Levofloxacin 750mg PO
Ciprofloxacin 400mg IV	Ciprofloxacin 500mg PO
Ciprofloxacin 200mg IV	Ciprofloxacin 250mg PO
Azithromycin 500mg IV	Azithromycin 500mg PO
Azithromycin 250mg IV	Azithromycin 250mg PO

Metronidazole 500mg IV	Metronidazole 500mg PO
Metronidazole 250mg IV	Metronidazole 250mg PO
Fluconazole 100mg IV	Fluconazole 100mg PO
Fluconazole 200mg IV	Fluconazole 200mg PO
Fluconazole 400mg IV	Fluconazole 400mg PO
Linezolid 600mg IV	Linezolid 600mg PO
Clindamycin 900mg IV q8h	Clindamycin 450mg PO q6h
Clindamycin 300-600mg IV q8h	Clindamycin 300mg PO q6h
Doxycycline 100mg IV	Doxycycline 100mg PO