

PATHWAY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF IV ANTIBIOTICS TO ADULT PATIENTS BY THE IV COMMUNITY THERAPY SERVICE

General Practitioner Patient requiring IV Antibiotic treatment

Secondary Care: Patient requiring IV Antibiotic treatment

Patient is reviewed in line with pathways for uncomplicated cellulitis or conditions non-responsive to oral therapy. Referring clinician can confirm that patients meet these criteria. Is patient suitable for IV Community Therapy Service and able to attend an IV Community Clinic? Does the patient have transport and are they contactable by telephone?

Yes

No

Referral made via Single Point of Access to IV Community Therapy Service

Referral Must Include:

- Full Demographic Information as required by SPoA
- Details of presenting condition
- Details of previous/current treatment
- Details of any tests and/or investigation performed or outstanding

Treatment under Secondary Care required

Has the patient had previous doses of the current IV antibiotic?

Yes

No

GP

From Hospital

Prescribing Authority and FP10 completed on assessment and sent with patient

Signed Prescribing Authority and discharge summary detailing meds, medication and dilutants.

IV Community Therapy Service to contact patient with 2 hours of referral to arrange treatment

Treatment given in line with prescribing authority. Discharge summary sent to referring clinician