

Table 5

Community antibiotic therapy for CAP¹³

Patient group	First choice antibiotic	Alternative choices
Non-severe, home treated CAP	amoxicillin 5mg tds orally for 7 days	doxycycline or clarithromycin
Life-threatening CAP referred to hospital	penicillin G 1.2g intravenously	amoxicillin 1g orally
Severe CAP with admission delay >6 hours	consider antibiotics	