Table 4

Antibiotic regimen for acute and chronic bacterial prostatitis

	Antibiotic regimen	Comments
Acute bacterial prostatitis	First-line therapy is oral quinolone antibiotics. If the patient is systemically unwell refer for admission to hospital. In hospital the initial management will include intravenous high dose cephalosporin/penicillin + gentamicin When clinically improved consider ciprofloxacin 500 mg bd for 28 days or ofloxacin 200 mg bd for 28 days	Consider admission to hospital early With quinolones, advise patients about tendon damage For those with allergy to quinolones or prone to seizures, minocycline or trimethroprim can be considered but sensitivity testing is important Duration 2 to 4 weeks depending on preference of clinician
Chronic bacterial prostatitis	Fluoroquinolones first line: ciprofloxacin 500 mg bd for 28 days/ levofloxacin 500 mg od for 28 days/ ofloxacin 200 mg bd for 28 days	Consider adjunct use of alpha-blockers and adequate analgesia — anti-inflammatories Duration can be 6 weeks depending on clinician preference