

Sulphonamides

Cotrimoxazole-Trimethoprim Combination

Bactrim, Septrin, Balakatin

- Still used.
- Very effective fixed combination.
- No resistance.
- Very useful in UTI, RTI, Salmonella, & Pneumocystis pneumonia.

Almost obsolete nowadays because of

Bacterial resistance

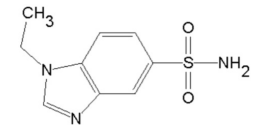
Bacteriostatic

Toxicity

1. Nausea
2. Rashes
3. Blood dyscrasia
4. Precipitation (crystallization) in urinary tract & stone formation.

Prevent normal bacterial utilization of PABA for the synthesis of folic acid

structural analogs & competitive antagonists of para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA)



Quinolones

Nalidixic Acid

urinary antiseptic

Norfloxacin

Used only for UTI
3-day course

Fluoridated 4-Quinolones

ciprofloxacin (CIPRO)

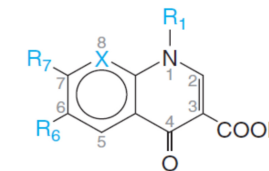
- Wide range of activity, even Botulinum.
- Expensive.
- Prophylaxis for meningitis.
- Can cause GI upset & epilepsy.

moxifloxacin (AVELOX)

gatifloxacin (TEQUIN)

Interfere with cell division of bacteria

Quinolones & Fluoroquinolones target & inhibit
DNA gyrase & topoisomerase IV
(which are important in the bacterial DNA replication)



Nitrofurans (Nitrofurantoin) 5-nitro-2-furaldehyde

modify various bacterial macromolecules that affect a variety of biochemical processes

That's why there's no resistance until now

Active against

gram-ve bacteria

E. coli

P. mirabilis

some susceptible gram+ve organisms

S. aureus

Enterococcus faecalis

Uses

-treatment and long-term prophylaxis of lower UTIs
-prophylactically post intercourse in women with chronic UTIs

not used as a bacterial suppressant.

Static or Cidal depends on the concentration

greater than 100 ug/mL -> cidal

Adverse effects

Nausea

Vomiting

Methenamine

Administered as a salt, orally & is well absorbed from the intestinal tract

This salt is either mandelic (Mandelamine) or hippuric (Hiprex, Urex) acid

These acids acidify the urine

Effect/mechanism

It's hydrolyzed at an acid pH to:

Formaldehyde
(Active alkylating agent)

Ammonia

Denatures proteins (bactericidal)

low urine pH is bacteriostatic for some organisms

Uses

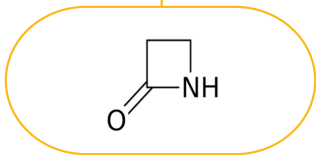
-long-term prophylactic or suppressive therapy of recurring UTI
-maintain sterile urine after appropriate antimicrobial agents have been employed to eradicate the infection

not a primary drug for therapy of acute infections.

Beta Lactam Antibiotics

Beta lactam ring

active functional group



Inhibit cell wall synthesis

β -lactam inhibits last step in peptidoglycan synthesis

Resistant bacteria produce Lactamase

Breaks the beta lactam ring

Penicillins

Cephalosporins

Monobactam

Carbapenem

Penicillins

Resistance bacteria produce penicillinase (lactamase)

Breaks the beta lactam ring

Penicillinase inhibitors

Clavulanic acid
Sullbactam
Tazobactam

Combined with amoxicillin to give Augmentin

Benzylpenicillin (Penicillin G)

Deep IM injection.
Highly active against sensitive strains of +ve gram cocci hydrolyzed by penicillinase. Ineffective S. aureus.
The only natural penicillin used clinically

Procain benzylpenicillin

Painless
Prolonged action injection

Phenoxyethyl penicillin

Oral
Not destroyed by gastric juice

Cloxacillin, Dicloxacillin, & Flucloxacillin

They have Penicillinase resistance
Effective on Staphylococcus

Ampicillin

-Broad-spectrum penicillin
-Can cause diarrhea due to overgrowth of normal flora, & incomplete absorption
-Frequently administered with a β -lactamase inhibitor

Amoxicillin

Same as Ampicillin, but more completely absorbed, so less diarrhea, and longer acting than ampicillin

Azlocillin, Piperacillin, & Ticarcillin

Have extended spectrum

Proteus, Pseudomonas, Klebsiella, & certain other gram-negative microorganisms

Adverse Effects:
Relatively very safe drugs; except:

Pain of injection
Abscess formation
Allergic reactions

Skin rash, Urticaria, Anaphylaxis, Rash, Fever, bronchospasm, dermatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome

Antistaphylococcal (penicillinase-resistant) Penicillins

& Penicillins effective against for MRSA & MRSE

Nafcillin
Oxacillin
Cloxacillin
Dicloxacillin

- For parenteral therapy - Indications for using nafcillin or oxacillin: severe staphylococcal infections like cellulitis, empyema, endocarditis, osteomyelitis, pneumonia, septic arthritis, & toxic shock syndrome

Methicillin

B-Lactamase Inhibitor Combinations

ampicillin-sulbactam [Unasyn]
ticarcillin-clavulanic acid [Timentin]
piperacillin-tazobactam [Zosyn]
amoxicillin-clavulanic acid [Augmentin]

require dose adjustments in patients with renal insufficiency.

They have clinical use in treating infections with known or suspected mixed bacterial flora, such as:
biliary infections
diabetic foot ulcers
endomyometritis
peritonitis.

Cephalosporins

Use:

Mainly used for surgical prophylaxis
Rarely the first choice for any infection

Expensive

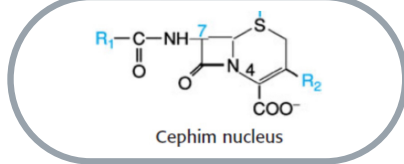
especially the newer generations

Same toxicity as penicillins

Cross allergic with the penicillins

Activity differs among the generations

R1 & R2 differ between generations



1st Generation

Good activity against gram +ve bacteria
Relatively modest activity against gram -ve microorganisms

Cephalothin
Cefazolin

2nd Generation

increased activity against gram -ve microorganisms

Cefamandole
Cefoxitine

3rd Generation

more active against the Entero bacteriaceae, including β -lactamase-producing strains

Cefoperazone
Cefotaxime
Ceftriaxone

4th Generation

extended spectrum of activity & stability from hydrolysis

Cefepime