



# Oral antibiotics

## A very good place to start

***Start with oral therapy -***

***Only use intravenous antibiotics when the oral route is NOT suitable***



### **Not everyone in hospital needs cannulation**

Hospitals can provide safe and comprehensive care while administering antibiotics orally



### **Oral therapy is often safer**

- Less complications due to cannula
  - pain, phlebitis, bacteraemia
- Less fluid overload for patients with cardiac impairment
- Encourages early mobilisation



### **Always ask—can the antibiotic be given orally?**

If the patient is not severely unwell

- Is there an appropriate oral antibiotic?
- Are they eating and drinking?