



CLINICAL GUIDELINE

Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Trial and Completion of Spinal Cord Stimulators for Neuromodulation

A guideline is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guideline, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following a guideline, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

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Single dose, IV prophylaxis \leq 60 minutes prior to skin incision/ intervention.
See [Principles of Surgical Prophylaxis \(1039\) | Right Decisions \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

MRSA: decolonise prior to procedure as per NHS GGC infection control guidelines.

CPE carriers: If identified as Carbapenamase producing Enterobacterales (CPE) carriers contact microbiology.

Procedure	Recommended Antibiotic	Prolonged Surgery > 4 or > 8 hours
Insertion of Trial spinal cord stimulator with external battery	400 mg IV Teicoplanin	No repeat dosing of teicoplanin.
Completion of spinal cord stimulator with implantation of battery	Give 400 mg teicoplanin by slow intravenous injection over 3-5 minutes.	
Revision of spinal cord stimulator		
Removal of spinal cord stimulator		