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**Bacterial Infections Management Guide**

- **Dental Abscess** (See Section 4.3)
- **Necrotic Ulcerative Gingivitis (NUG)** (See Section 4.4)
- **Pericoronitis** (See Section 4.4)
- **Sinusitis** (See Section 4.5)

**Dental Abscess**

Is there spreading infection (cellulitis, swelling) or systemic involvement (fever, malaise)?*

**Necrotic Ulcerative Gingivitis (NUG)**

Is there persistent swelling or systemic symptoms despite local measures?

**Pericoronitis**

Are there persistent symptoms and purulent discharge lasting at least seven days or severe symptoms?

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If the answer is:

- **NO**
  - **Antibiotics are not required.**
    - Treat with local measures.
    - Advise on appropriate analgesia where required.

- **YES**
  - Treat with local measures and prescribe a suitable antibiotic as detailed below.
  - Advise on appropriate analgesia where required.

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* If there is significant trismus, floor of mouth swelling or difficulty breathing, transfer patients to hospital as an emergency.

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**Dental abscess**

A choice of:
- Amoxicillin
- Phenoxyethylpenicillin
- Metronidazole

**NUG/Pericoronitis**

A choice of:
- Metronidazole
- Amoxicillin

**Sinusitis**

A choice of:
- Amoxicillin
- Doxycycline

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**N.B. Review patients with bacterial infections who have been treated with local measures, or who have received a course of antibiotic treatment, within 2 to 7 days**

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