McLaren CENTRAL MICHIGAN

STREPTOCOCCAL PHARYNGITIS

ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP: DO NOT TREAT WITH ANTIBIOTICS UNLESS THERE IS A POSITIVE THROAT CULTURE, RADT, OR PCR TEST FOR GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS

Note: cough not always present for bacterial pharyngitis

TREATMENT:

First line antibiotics	Alternatives
Penicillin VK **Children ≤ 27 kg: 250mg by mouth twice daily** **Children > 27 kg: 500mg by mouth twice daily**	• **Cephalexin 20mg/kg/ by mouth twice daily, (max 500mg/dose)** **or** • **Clindamycin 7mg/kg/dose by mouth three times daily, (max 300mg/dose)** **or** • **Benzathine Penicillin G (IM)-** ○ **Children ≤ 27 kg: 600K units IM** ○ **Children > 27kg 1.2Mil units IM**

DURATION OF TREATMENT

Benzathine Penicillin G (IM)	**1 dose**
All other antibiotics	**10 days**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2017, February 1). *Pediatric outpatient treatment recommendations*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/clinicians/pediatric-treatment-rec.html