



Duration of Antibiotic Therapy

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INFECTIONS FOR WHICH SHORT COURSE THERAPY HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE EQUIVALENT IN EFFICACY TO LONGER THERAPY

Disease	Treatment in Days - SHORT -	Treatment in Days - LONG -
Community acquired pneumonia	3-5	7-10
Nosocomial pneumonia	≤8	10-15
Pyelonephritis	5-7	10-14
Intraabdominal Infection	4	10
Acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis or COPD*	≤5	≥7
Acute Bacterial Sinusitis	5	10
Cellulitis	5-6	10
Chronic osteomyelitis	42	84

*COPD - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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