

CLINDAMYCIN CONSULTATION AND ENDORSEMENT FORM

Referrer name: Patient name:

Referrer's fax no.: Patient DOB:

Tick the relevant boxes, sign and date the form then fax to Richard Everts. You do not need to wait for a reply before prescribing clindamycin.

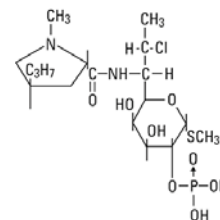
Indications

- Acute odontogenic infection that has spread to face or is associated with systemic symptoms or fever; and
- Patient is allergic to penicillin.

(Comments:)

Relative contra-indications

- Patient does not have a history of colitis (e.g., ulcerative colitis or antibiotic-associated colitis), and
- Patient does not have severe liver or kidney disease.



Administration

- Advised to take clindamycin with a glass of water.

Side effects

- Warned patient about 2 to 15% risk of gastrointestinal upset (diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting) and advised to stop clindamycin and see a doctor if the symptoms are severe or not going away. Note: young, ambulant patients are less likely to have GI side effects.

Pregnancy

- Not relevant, or
- Advised patient that clindamycin has a high safety rating in pregnancy – it has not been associated with fetal damage despite extensive use in pregnant women.

Breastfeeding

- Not relevant, or
- Advised patient that clindamycin penetrates breast milk in very small quantities but rarely causes side effects (diarrhoea) in the infant.

Signed

Date

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