

| Antibiotic Class | Contraindications |
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| Penicillins | History of hypersensitivity to penicillins, cephalosporins, imipenem (carbapenems) |
| Cephalosporins | Hypersensitivity to cephalosporins, imipenem (carbapenems), penicillins |
| Fluoroquinolones | Hypersensitivity to any of the fluoroquinolones; tendonitis or tendon rupture; use of QT interval-prolonging drugs (amiodarone , procainamide) |
| Tetracyclines | Hypersensitivity to any of the tetracyclines |
| Macrolides | Hypersensitivity to any of the macrolides; treatment of meningitis (inadequate CNS penetration) |
| Vancomycin | Hypersensitivity to vancomycin |
| Clindamycin | Hypersensitivity to clindamycin ; treatment of meningitis (inadequate CNS penetration) |
| Aminoglycosides | Previous allergic or toxic reactions to any of the aminoglycosides |
| Metronidazole | Hypersensitivity to metronidazole ; first trimester of pregnancy |
| Sulfonamides | Hypersensitivity to sulfonamides or related drugs (sulfonylureas, thiazides, loop diuretics), pregnancy at term, lactation |