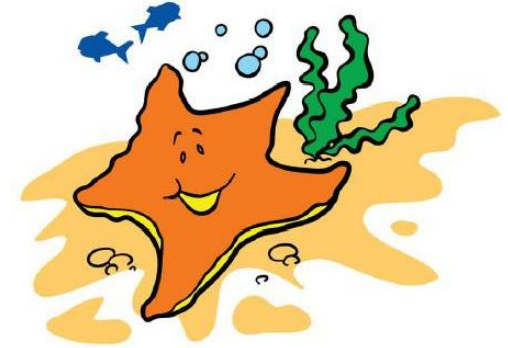




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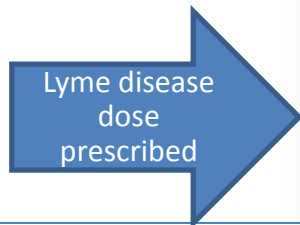
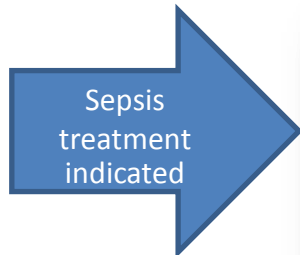
# DRUG-gle

A Safety Huddle with ward pharmacist,  
doctors and nurses on Starfish  
with take-away learning points



## Top 3 reminders for Starfish Drug Charts

1. Ensure you choose the correct dose based on **weight** or **age**, depending on the medication
2. Ibuprofen reminder – 1 month to 3 years is a weight based dose.
3. LOOK! Check the BNFC – be sure not to use the incorrect indication. E.g. Cefuroxime:



**Indications and dose**

**Infections due to sensitive Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria**

- **By mouth (as cefuroxime axetil)**
  - Child 3 months–2 years 10 mg/kg (max. 125 mg) twice daily
  - Child 2–12 years 15 mg/kg (max. 250 mg) twice daily
  - Child 12–18 years 250 mg twice daily; dose doubled in severe lower respiratory-tract infections, or if pneumonia suspected; dose reduced to 125 mg twice daily in lower urinary-tract infection
- **By intravenous injection or infusion or by intramuscular injection**
  - Neonate under 7 days 25 mg/kg every 12 hours; dose doubled in severe infection, intravenous route only
  - Neonate 7–21 days 25 mg/kg every 8 hours; dose doubled in severe infection, intravenous route only
  - Neonate 21–28 days 25 mg/kg every 6 hours; dose doubled in severe infection, intravenous route only
  - Child 1 month–18 years 20 mg/kg (max. 750 mg) every 8 hours; increase to 50–60 mg/kg (max. 1.5 g) every 6–8 hours in severe infection and cystic fibrosis

**Lyme disease** (see also [section 5.1.1.3](#))

- **By mouth**
  - Child 3 months–12 years 15 mg/kg (max. 500 mg) twice daily for 14–21 days (for 28 days in Lyme arthritis)
  - Child 12–18 years 500 mg twice daily for 14–21 days (for 28 days in Lyme arthritis)

**Surgical prophylaxis**

- **By intravenous injection**
  - Child 1 month–18 years 50 mg/kg (max. 1.5 g) up to 30 minutes before the procedure; up to 3 further doses of 30 mg/kg (max. 750 mg) may be given by intramuscular or intravenous injection every 8 hours for high-risk procedures

## Quiz

Spot the errors  
(Answers at the bottom of the page)

### Chart

Enter dates									
Prescriber to enter times									
Drug <b>FLUCLOXACILLIN</b>									
New this admission (circle): Yes / No									
Dose <b>250mg</b>	Route <b>o</b>	Frequency <b>QDS</b>	Start date <b>25/8/15</b>	Stop date					
Signature <b>X Doctor</b>		Bleep no. <b>1122</b>	Pharmacy						
Additional information									



**All children admitted to Starfish Ward need to be WEIGHED!**



## Quiz Answers:

The TIMES are not entered. Please remember to enter the times if writing a drug chart.  
Check with the nurses what the most convenient times for administration.