



Quick Guide to the treatment of Pleural Empyema in Children and Adolescents

(Please consult the [Clinical Practice Guideline](#) for full details)

Clinical and CXR evidence of Pleural Effusion

Commence/revise intravenous antibiotic regimen

Ceftriaxone (50mg/kg/dose 24-hourly) + Vancomycin 15mg/kg/dose 6-hourly

If history of possible aspiration: Ceftriaxone (50mg/kg/dose 24-hourly) + Clindamycin (10mg/kg/dose 8-hourly)

If child very unwell: discuss further with an Infectious Diseases Physician or Clinical Microbiologist.

