

# POAC CLINICAL POLICY

## Funding of Cephazolin

POAC provides funding of IV therapy in order to avoid acute hospitalisation. Intravenous Cephazolin is indicated for the management of moderately severe adult cellulitis in adults ( $\geq 15$  years old)

POAC funds up to 3 doses of intravenous cefazolin for suitable patients with cellulitis unrelated to injury.

- Assess the patient daily to determine if continued IV treatment is appropriate. Not all cases require 3 IV doses.
- If insufficient improvement after 3 IV antibiotic doses, seek infectious diseases advice. POAC does not fund fourth or subsequent doses unless approved by an infectious diseases specialist before administration.
- If the patient is suitable for IV therapy in the community but your clinic cannot provide the service, call POAC to arrange treatment at an Urgent Care clinic.

See Auckland Regional HealthPathway: Cellulitis in Adults

<https://aucklandregion.healthpathways.org.nz/21918.htm>

Intravenous Cephazolin is not indicated as first line treatment for other conditions.

## POAC funding policy

POAC funds the use of IV Cephazolin for the purpose of treating moderately severe cellulitis in adult ( $\geq 15$  years) patients for whom oral antibiotic treatment is not appropriate. Refer to the paediatric cellulitis pathway for treatment of children.



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Claims for the use of Cephazolin to treat patients with other diagnoses will not be accepted unless this has been recommended by an Infectious Diseases Specialist. Such claims must clearly document the Specialist's name and date of recommendation.