

POAC funding policy for IV cephazolin

POAC funds the use of IV Cephazolin for the purpose of treating moderately severe cellulitis in suitable adult patients (≥ 15 years) for whom oral antibiotic treatment is not appropriate or has failed. See POAC Clinical Policy for Management of Cellulitis

POAC does not fund the use of cephazolin for cellulitis in children (<15y).

Effective use of IV cephazolin may require the administration of oral probenecid. IV Cephazolin dose and the necessity for accompanying administration of probenecid depend on renal function, as described in the Cellulitis in Adults HealthPathway [see here](#)

For funding to apply, assessment of renal function to determine dose of cephazolin and the necessity for probenecid administration is required

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