



Escherichia coli									
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments				
		S	Ι	R					
PENICILLINS		1		1					
Ampicillin	10 µg	≥17	14–16	≤13	Results of ampicillin testing can be used to predict results for amoxicillin.				
CEPHEMS	CEPHEMS								
Cefazolin (PARENTERAL)	30 µg	≥23	20–22	≤19	Breakpoints when cefazolin is used for therapy of infections other than uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E.coli</i> , <i>K.</i> <i>pneumoniae</i> & <i>P.mirabilis</i> . Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 2 g every 8 h.				
Cefazolin (PARENTERAL) (urine)	30 µg	≥15	-	≤14	Breakpoints when cefazolin is used for therapy of uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E.coli</i> , <i>K pneumoniae & P.mirabilis</i> . Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 12 h.				
Cefazolin (ORAL) (surrogate test for oral cephalosporins & uncomplicated UTI) (urine)	30 µg	≥15	-	≤ 14	 (a) Breakpoints are for cefazolin when cefazolin results are used to predict results for the oral agents cefaclor, cefdinir, cefpodoxime, cefprozil, cefuroxime, cephalexin, and loracarbef when used for therapy of uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E. coli, K. pneumoniae,</i> and <i>P. mirabilis.</i> (b) Cefazolin as a surrogate may overcall resistance to cefdinir, cefpodoxime, and cefuroxime. If cefazolin tests resistant, test these drugs individually if needed for therapy. 				
Cefepime	30 µg	≥25	19–24	≤18	The Breakpoint for susceptible is based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 12 h. The Breakpoint for SDD* is based on dosing regimens that result in higher cefepime exposure, either higher doses or more frequent doses or both, up to approved maximum dosing regimens. *SDD: Susceptible-Dose Dependent				
Cefotaxime	30 µg	≥26	23–25	≤22	Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 24 h for ceftriaxone and 1 g every 8 h for cefotaxime.				



Escherichia coli (continued)							
Ceftriaxone	30 µg	≥23	20–22	≤19	Breakpoints are based on a dosage		
					regimen of 1 g every 24 h for ceftriaxone		
					and 1 g every 8 h for cefotaxime.		
Ceftazidime	30 µg	≥21	18–20	≤ 17	Breakpoints are based on a dosage		
					regimen of 1 g every 8 h.		
CARBAPENEMS	ſ			1			
Imipenem	10 µg	\geq 23	20–22	≤ 19	(a) Imipenem: Breakpoints are based on a		
or/and Meropenem	10 µg	\geq 23	20–22	≤ 19	dosage regimen of 500 mg every 6 h or 1		
					g every 8 h.		
					(b) Meropenem:Interpretive criteria are		
					based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 8		
					h.		
AMINOGLYCOSIDES	r			r			
Gentamicin	10 µg	≥15	13-14	≤12			
Amikacin	30 µg	≥17	15–16	≤14			
FLUOROQUINOLONES							
Ciprofloxacin	5 µg	≥21	16–20	≤15			
FOLATE PATHWAY INHIBITORS							
Trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole	1.25/ 23.75	≥16	11-15	≤ 10			
	μg						
NITROFURANS							
Nitrofurantoin	300 μg	≥17	15–16	≤14	For testing and reporting urinary tract		
					isolates only.		

Tests for confirmation of ESBL-producing Escherichia coli							
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Results					
Ceftazidime-clavulanate	30/10 µg	$A \ge 5$ mm increase in a zone diameter for either antimicrobial agent tested in					
Cefotaxime-clavulanate	30/10 µg	combination with clavulanate vs the zone diameter of the agent when tested alone = ESBL (eg, ceftazidime zone = 16; ceftazidime-clavulanate zone = 21).					



Klebsiella pneumoniae									
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zo Inter (near	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)		Comments				
		S	Ι	R					
CEPHEMS	CEPHEMS								
Cefazolin (PARENTERAL)	30 µg	≥23	20–22	≤ 19	Breakpoints when cefazolin is used for therapy of infections other than uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E.coli</i> , <i>K</i> <i>pneumoniae</i> & <i>P.mirabilis</i> . Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 2 g every 8 h.				
Cefazolin (PARENTERAL) (urine)	30 µg	≥ 15	-	≤ 14	Breakpoints when cefazolin is used for therapy of uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E.coli</i> , <i>K pneumoniae & P.mirabilis</i> . Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 12 h.				
Cefazolin (ORAL) (surrogate test for oral cephalosporins & uncomplicated UTI) (urine)	30 µg	≥ 15	-	≤ 14	 (a) Breakpoints are for cefazolin when cefazolin results are used to predict results for the oral agents cefaclor, cefdinir, cefpodoxime, cefprozil, cefuroxime, cephalexin, and loracarbef when used for therapy of uncomplicated UTIs due to <i>E. coli, K. pneumoniae,</i> and <i>P. mirabilis.</i> (b) Cefazolin as a surrogate may overcall resistance to cefdinir, cefpodoxime, and cefuroxime. If cefazolin tests resistant, test these drugs individually if needed for therapy. 				
Cefepime	30 µg	≥25	19–24	≤ 18	The Breakpoint for susceptible is based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 12 h. The Breakpoint for SDD is based on dosing regimens that result in higher cefepime exposure, either higher doses or more frequent doses or both, up to approved maximum dosing regimens. SDD: Susceptible-Dose Dependent				
Cefotaxime	30 µg	≥26	23–25	≤ 22	Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 24 h for ceftriaxone and 1 g every 8 h for cefotaxime.				



Klebsiella pneumonia (continued)							
Ceftriaxone	30 µg	≥23	20-22	≤19	Breakpoints are based on a dosage		
					regimen of 1 g every 24 h for ceftriaxone		
					and 1 g every 8 h for cefotaxime.		
Ceftazidime	30 µg	≥21	18–20	≤ 17	Breakpoints are based on a dosage		
					regimen of 1 g every 8 h.		
CARBAPENEMS	ſ						
Imipenem	10 µg	≥ 23	20–22	≤ 19	(a) Imipenem: Breakpoints are based on		
or/and Meropenem	10 µg	≥ 23	20–22	≤ 19	a dosage regimen of 500 mg every 6 h or		
					1 g every 8 h.		
					(b) Meropenem:Interpretive criteria are		
					based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every		
					8 h.		
AMINOGLYCOSIDES		n		1			
Gentamicin	10 µg	≥15	13-14	≤ 12			
Amikacin	30 µg	≥ 17	15–16	≤ 14			
FLUOROQUINOLONES	-			1			
Ciprofloxacin	5 µg	≥21	16–20	≤ 15			
FOLATE PATHWAY INHIBITORS							
Trimethoprim-	1.25/23.75	≥ 16	11–15	≤ 10			
sulfamethoxazole	μg						
NITROFURANS				1			
Nitrofurantoin	300 µg	≥17	15–16	≤ 14	For testing and reporting urinary tract		
					isolates only.		

Tests for confirmation of ESBL-producing Klebsiella pneumoniae						
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Results				
Ceftazidime-clavulanate	30/10 μg	$A \ge 5$ mm increase in a zone diameter for either antimicrobial agent tested in combination with				
Cefotaxime-clavulanate	30/10 μg	clavulanate vs the zone diameter of the agent when tested alone = ESBL (eg, ceftazidime zone = 16 ; ceftazidime-clavulanate zone = 21).				



*When fecal isolates of *Salmonella* are tested, only ampicillin, a fluoroquinolone, and trimethoprimsulfamethoxazole should be reported routinely. In addition, for extraintestinal isolates of *Salmonella* spp., a third-generation cephalosporin and chloramphenicol should be tested and reported.

Salmonella spp.							
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zo Inter (nea)	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)		Comments		
		S	Ι	R			
PENICILLINS	•			•			
Ampicillin	10 µg	≥17	14–16	≤13	Results of ampicillin testing can be used to predict results for amoxicillin.		
CEPHEMS	•						
Ceftriaxone (For extraintestinai isolate)	30 µg	≥ 23	20–22	≤ 19	Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 24 h for ceftriaxone		
Ceftazidime (For extraintestinai isolate)	30 µg	≥21	18–20	≤17	Breakpoints are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 8 h.		
FLUOROQUINOLONES	·						
Ciprofloxacin	5 µg	≥31	21-30	≤20	Isolates of <i>Salmonella</i> spp. that test not susceptible to ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, ofloxacin, or pefloxacin may be associated with clinical failure or delayed response in fluoroquinolone-treated patients with salmonellosis.		
FOLATE PATHWAY INHIBITORS							
Trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole	1.25/ 23.75 μg	≥16	11–15	≤ 10			
PHENICOLS							
Chloramphenicol	30 µg	≥ 18	13–17	≤12			

Tests for confirmation of ESBL-producing Salmonella spp. (Optional)								
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Results						
Ceftazidime-clavulanate	30/10 µg	$A \ge 5mm$ increase in a zone diameter for either antimicrobial agent tested in						
Cefotaxime-clavulanate	30/10 μg	combination with clavulanate vs the zone diameter of the agent when tested alone = ESBL (eg, ceftazidime zone = 16; ceftazidime-clavulanate zone = 21).						



*When fecal isolates of *Shigella* spp. are tested, only ampicillin, a fluoroquinolone, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole should be reported routinely.

Shigella spp.							
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments		
		S	Ι	R			
PENICILLINS	•				•		
Ampicillin	10 µg	≥17	14–16	≤13	Results of ampicillin testing can be used to predict results for amoxicillin.		
CEPHEMS							
Ceftriaxone (Only for ciprofloxacin resistant strain)	30 µg	≥ 23	20–22	≤19			
Ceftazidime (Only for ciprofloxacin resistant strain)	30 µg	≥21	18–20	≤17			
FLUOROQUINOLONES							
Ciprofloxacin	5 µg	≥21	16–20	≤15			
FOLATE PATHWAY INH	IBITORS						
Trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole	1.25/ 23.75 μg	≥ 16	11–15	≤ 10			

Tests for confirmation of ESBL-producing Shigella spp. (Optional)						
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Results				
Ceftazidime-clavulanate	30/10 µg	$A \ge 5$ mm increase in a zone diameter for either				
Cefotaxime-clavulanate	30/10 μg	clavulanate vs the zone diameter of the agent when tested alone = ESBL (eg, ceftazidime zone = 16; ceftazidime-clavulanate zone = 21).				



Pseudomonas aerus	ginosa					
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments	
		S	Ι	R	-	
β-LACTAM/β-LACTAMA	SE INHIBIT	OR CO	MBINATI	ONS		
Piperacillin-tazobactam	100/10 µg	≥21	15–20	≤14	Breakpoints for piperacillin (alone or wi tazobactam) are based on a piperacilli dosage regimen of at least 3 g every 6 h.	'ith lin
CEPHEMS			-			
Cefepime	30 µg	≥ 18	15-17	≤14	Breakpoints are based on a dosage regin of 1 g every 8 h or 2 g every 12 h.	men
Ceftazidime	30 µg	≥18	15-17	≤14	Breakpoints are based on a dosage regin of 1 g every 6 h or 2 g every 8 h.	men
CARBAPENEMS						
Imipenem	10 µg	≥19	16-18	≤15	Breakpoints for imipenem are based or dosage regimen of 1 g every 8 h or 500 every 6 h.	n a mg
Meropenem	10 µg	≥19	16-18	≤15	Breakpoints for meropenem are based or dosage regimen of 1 g every 8 h.	on a
AMINOGLYCOSIDES						
Gentamicin	10 µg	≥15	13-14	≤ 12		
Tobramycin	10 µg	≥15	13-14	≤12		
Amikacin	30 µg	≥17	15–16	≤14		
LIPOPEPTID						
Colistin	-	-	-	-	 (a) Colistin (methanesulfonate) sho generally be administered with a loadin dose and at the maximum recommende doses, in combination with other agents. (b) The only approved MIC method testing is broth microdilution. D diffusion and gradient diffusion methor such as "E-test" should not be performe MIC Interpretive Criteria 	ould ng ed for Disk Iods ed.
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FLUOROOUINOLONES		I	1	1		
Ciprofloxacin	5 µg	≥21	16–20	≤15		



Acinetobacter spp.					
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments
		S	Ι	R	
В-LACTAM/В-LACTAMA	SE INHIBIT	OR CO	MBINATI	ONS	
Ampicillin-sulbactam	10/10 µg	≥15	12-14	≤11	
Piperacillin-tazobactam	100/10 µg	≥21	18–20	≤17	
CEPHEMS					
Cefepime	30 µg	≥18	15-17	≤14	
Ceftazidime	30 µg	≥18	15-17	≤14	
CARBAPENEMS	-			-	
Imipenem	10 µg	≥ 22	19-21	≤18	Breakpoints for imipenem are based on a dosage regimen of 500 mg every 6 h.
Meropenem	10 µg	≥18	15-17	≤14	Breakpoints for meropenem are based on a dosage regimen of 1 g every 8 h or 500 mg every 6 h.
AMINOGLYCOSIDES	-	1	1	•	
Gentamicin	10 µg	≥15	13-14	≤ 12	
Tobramycin	10 µg	≥15	13-14	≤ 12	
Amikacin	30 µg	≥17	15–16	≤14	
TETRACYCLINES	_	-			
Minocycline	30 µg	≥16	13–15	≤ 12	
LIPOPEPTID	-	1	1	•	
Colistin	-	_	_	-	(a)Colistin (methanesulfonate) should generally be administered with a loading dose and at the maximum recommended doses, in combination with other agents.(b)Applies to A. baumannii complex only.(c)The only approved MIC method for testing is broth microdilution. Disk diffusion and gradient diffusion methods such as "E-test" should not be performed.MIC Interpretive Criteria $(\mu g/mL)$ RSIR< 2-> 4



Acinetobacter spp. (continued)								
FLUOROQUINOLONES								
Ciprofloxacin	5 µg	≥21	16-20	≤15				
FOLATE PATHWAY INHIBITORS								
Trimethoprim-	1.25/23.75	≥16	11-15	≤ 10				
sulfamethoxazole	μg							



Staphylococcus aureus								
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments			
		S	Ι	R				
PENICILLINASE-LABILI	E PENICILL	INS	1					
Penicillin	10 units	≥29	-	≤ 28	(a) Penicillin should be used to test the susceptibility of all staphylococci to all penicillinase- labile penicillins. Penicillin- resistant strains of staphylococci produce β -lactamase. Perform test(s) to detect β -lactamase production on staphylococci for which the penicillin MICs are \leq 0.12 µg/mL or zone diameters \geq 29 mm before reporting the isolate as penicillin susceptible. Rare isolates of staphylococci that contain genes for β -lactamase production may appear negative by β -lactamase tests. Consequently, for serious infections requiring penicillin therapy, laboratories should perform MIC tests and β -lactamase testing on all subsequent isolates from the same patient. PCR testing of the isolate for the <i>blaZ</i> β - lactamase gene may be considered. See Tables 3D and 3E . (b) For oxacillin-resistant staphylococci report penicillin as resistant or do not report.			



Staphylococcus aureus (continued)									
PENICILLINASE-STABLE	E PENICILL	INS							
PENICILLINASE-STABLI Cefoxitin	E PENICILL 30 μg	<u>INS</u> ≥ 22		≤21	 (a) Cefoxitin is tested as a surrogate for oxacillin. Isolates that test resistant by cefoxitin MIC, cefoxitin disk, or oxacillin MIC should be reported as oxacillin resistant. If testing only cefoxitin, report oxacillin susceptible or resistant based on the cefoxitin result. (b) Cefoxitin MIC and disk diffusion tests performed on media other than CAMHB or unsupplemented MHA do not reliably detect <i>mecA</i>-mediated resistance in isolates of S.<i>aureus</i> that do not grow on these media (eg, small colony variants). Testing for PBP2a using induced growth (ie, growth taken from the zone margin surrounding a cefoxitin disk on either BMHA or a blood agar plate after 24 hours incubation in 5% CO2) or <i>mecA</i> should be done. Isolates that test either <i>mecA</i> negative or PBP2a negative or cefoxitin susceptible should be 				
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Staphylococcus aureus (continued)								
GLYCOPEPTIDES								
Vancomycin	-	-	-	-	(a) For <i>S</i> susceptible vancomycin course of pr MIC tests determine isolates of vancomycin differentiates susceptible from visolates, differentiate susceptible, -resistant is which give inhibition. (b) Send a the vancom reference la MIC In <i>S</i> ≤ 2	aureus, v isolates m intermediat colonged ther should be po- the susceptile of staphyle n. The disk to e v isolates of vancomycin-in nor does e among v -intermed solates of Co- e similar size ny <i>S. aureus</i> hycin is ≥ 8 boratory. nterpretive C (µg/mL) I 4-8	ancomycin- ay become e during the rapy. erformed to bility of all ococci to est does not ancomycin- <i>S. aureus</i> ntermediate the test vancomycin liate, and oNS, all of e zones of s for which $\mu g/mL$ to a Criteria R ≥ 16	
Teicoplanin (Optional) (Investigation)	-	-	-	-	MIC I	nterpretive C (μg/mL) Ι	Criteria R	
					< 8	16	> 32	
TETRACYCLINES	I				_0	10	_ 52	
Doxycycline	30 µg	≥16	13-15	≤12				
MACROLIDES		1	1	1	Γ			
Erythromycin	15 μg	≥23	14-22	≤13	Not rout organisms i tract.	tinely rep solated from	orted on the urinary	
FLUOROQUINOLONES			-					
Ciprofloxacin	5 μg	≥21	16-20	≤15	Staphylocod resistance d with quinol that are in become re four days a Testing of warranted.	ccus spp. m luring prolon ones. Theref itially susce sistant with fter initiation repeat isola	ay develop ged therapy ore, isolates eptible may in three to of therapy. tes may be	



Staphylococcus aureus (continued)								
NITROFURANTOINS								
Nitrofurantoin	300 µg	≥17	15-16	≤14				
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Trimethoprim-	1.25/ 23.75	≥ 16	11-15	≤ 10				
sulfamethoxazole	μg							
LINCOSAMIDES								
Clindamycin	2 µg	≥21	15-20	≤ 14	Inducible clindamycin resistance can be detected by disk diffusion using the D-zone test or by broth microdilution.15-µg erythromycin and 2-µg clindamycin disks spaced 15–26 mm apart.			
ANSAMYCINS								
Rifampin	5 µg	≥ 20	17-19	≤16	Rifampin should be used but not reported.			



Enterococcus spp.								
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments			
		S	Ι	R				
PENICII I INS								
Ampicillin	10 μg	≥17	-	≤ 16	The results of ampicillin susceptibility tests should be used to predict the activity of amoxicillin. Ampicillin results may be used to predict susceptibility to amoxicillin-clavulanate, ampicillin- sulbactam, and piperacillin- tazobactam among non- β - lactamase producing enterococci. Ampicillin susceptibility can be used to predict imipenem susceptibility, providing the species			
GLYCOPEPTIDES			<u> </u>	l	is commined to be E. Jaecans.			
Vancomycin	30 µg	≥ 17	15-16	≤ 14	When testing vancomycin against enterococci, plates should be held a full 24 hours for accurate detection of resistance. Zones should be examined using transmitted light; the presence of a haze or any growth within the zone of inhibition indicates resistance. Organisms with intermediate zones should be tested by an MIC method as described in M07-A10. For isolates for which the vancomycin MICs are 8 to 16 μ g/mL, perform biochemical tests for identification as listed under the "Vancomycin MIC \geq 8 μ g/mL" test found in Table 3F.			
FLUOROQUINOLONES	5	> 21	16.00	< 15				
	5 μg	≥21	16-20	<u>≤15</u>				
Nitrofurantoin	300 µg	≥17	15-16	≤14				
OXAZOLIDINONES	L		·					
Linezolid	30 µg	≥23	21-22	≤ 20				



HIGH-LEVEL AMINOGLYCOSIDES for <i>Enterococcus</i> spp.							
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone I Crit	Diameter Interj eria (nearest w mm)	pretive hole	Comments		
		S	Inconclusive	R			
Gentamicin	120 µg	≥10	7-9	= 6			



* For disk diffusion, test a maximum of 9 disks on a 150-mm plate and 4 disks on a 100-mm plate.

Streptococcus pneumonia									
Antimicrobial Agent	Disk Content	Zone Diameter Interpretive Criteria (nearest whole mm)			Comments				
		S	Ι	R					
PENICILLINS									
Penicillin (nonmeningitis)	Oxacillin 1 μg	≥20	-	-	Isolates of pneumococci with oxacillin zone sizes of ≥ 20 mm are susceptible (MIC $\leq 0.06 \ \mu g/mL$) to penicillin. Penicillin and cefotaxime, ceftriaxone, or meropenem MICs should be determined for those isolates with oxacillin zone diameters of ≤ 19 mm, because zones of ≤ 19 mm occur with penicillin-resistant, -intermediate, or certain -susceptible strains. For isolates				
					with oxacillin zones \leq 19 mm, do not report penicillin as resistant without performing a penicillin MIC test.				
Penicillin parenteral (nonmeningitis)	-	-	-	-	MIC Interpretive Criteria (µg/mL)				
(optional)					S I R				
					$ \leq 2 \qquad 4 \qquad \geq 8 \\ \begin{tabular}{ c c c c c } \hline \leq 2 & 4 & \geq 8 \\ \hline Doses of intravenous penicillin of at least 2 million units every 4 hours in adults with normal renal function (12 million units per day) can be used to treat nonmeningeal pneumococcal infections due to strains with penicillin MICs &lease 2 µg/mL. Strains with an intermediate MIC of 4 µg/mL may require penicillin doses of 18 to 24 million units per day. \\ \end{tabular}$				
CEPHEMS		1	[
Ceftriaxone (nonmeningitis)	-	-	-	-	MIC Interpretive Criteria (µg/mL)				
					S I R				
					≤ 1 2 ≥ 4				
Doxycycline	30 µg	≥ 28	25-27	≤ 24					



Streptococcus pneumonia(continued)								
MACROLIDES								
Erythromycin	15 µg	≥21	16-20	≤15	Not routinely reported on organisms			
					isolated from the urinary tract.			
FLUOROQUINOLONES								
Levofloxacin	5 µg	≥ 17	14-16	≤13				
FOLATE PATHWAY INH	IBITORS							
Trimethoprim-	1.25/23.75	≥19	16-18	≤15				
sulfamethoxazole	μg							
LINCOSAMIDES								
Clindamycin	2 µg	≥19	16-18	≤15	Inducible clindamycin resistance can			
					be detected by disk diffusion using the			
					D-zone test or by broth			
					microdilution.15µg erythromycin and			
					2µg clindamycin disks spaced 15-26			
					mm apart.			