

**Medical Referral Form
Protocol for Ceftriaxone**

Contact Home and Community Care Support Services
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
at 1-519-759-7040 ext. 3201

Fax Referral to: 1-519-752-2186

Patient Name _____
HCN _____ VC _____ DOB _____
Address _____
City _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____
Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Medical Information

Primary Diagnosis _____ Secondary Diagnosis _____

Surgical Procedure _____ Date _____
(DD/MM/YY)

Allergies _____ Diet _____

Diagnosis Discussed

- Patient?
- Family?

Prognosis

- Improve
- Remain Stable
- Deteriorate

Prognosis Discussed

- Patient? Yes No
- Family? Yes No

Medications *Specify Drug Dosage, Frequency, and Method of Administration*

Ceftriaxone - 1 Gram IM q 24 hours x _____ doses
First Dose Given at: _____ on _____ (DD/MM/YY)
Last Dose to be given: _____ (DD/MM/YY)

Service Request *Home and Community Care Support Services assessment of the patient needs will determine the services to be provided*

- Case Management
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Nutritional Counselling
- Social Work
- Personal Support
- Other: _____

Ceftriaxone Protocol 1 gram IM q24 hours x _____ doses.
Mix 2.2 ml-1% Lidocaine into 1Gm ceftriaxone powder.
Shake for 3 minutes until clear and then give IM.

Weight bearing status for all Orthopedic referrals: Full Partial Feather None As Tolerated

Treatment will be taught and visits reduced whenever possible

Medical Supervision

Physician Signature _____ Date _____
Physician's signature is required for Controlled Acts regulated under the Health Professions Act (DD/MM/YY)

Physician Name _____ Physician Phone Number _____

Physician Address _____ Physician CPSO Number _____

BGH Ceftriaxone Protocol

As developed by BGH Infectious Disease physician Dr. R Pennie
For BGH Ortho Clinic and ED as well as Willett Urgent Care Centre Paris

IM injections for patients with infections that would be sensitive to treatment with this medication but to provide an alternative route of administration rather than the traditional IV route

- Painful IV administration via peripheral route and difficulty maintaining site/access
- Recommended for central line administration but since usually only prescribed for a short course this is more cost efficient than arranging a PICC insertion
- Dilution of this medication with lidocaine and use of the a particular needle size (25G 1.5") increases patient compliance/comfort**
- Can be easily and quickly administered so the patient can continue normal daily activities
- service to be arranged in Home and Community Care Support Services Nursing Care Centre

**BGH Infectious Disease Specialist, Dr. Pennie, who developed this administration method, recommends using a 25 G 1 ½" needle (available on Brant supply list - code #NS5767 and is a safety needle) to insure appropriate depth of penetration to muscle but with the small gauge there is less tearing of tissue/a smaller track to prevent extensive tissue penetration (need to also order 3cc luer lok syringes). There is a supply of needles available in the BGH Home and Community Care Support Services office that can be provided when home nursing visits are indicated and they are also available at the Nursing Care Centre.

The medication and diluent is only available from Terrace Hill Pharmacy at 217 Terrace Hill Street, Brantford (Phone #: 519-720-0877 & Fax #: 519-720-0875) or Rexall Pharmacy at 260 St. Paul Avenue, Brantford (Phone #: 519-756-6363 & Fax #: 519-752-7786). The patient may take a written prescription (if provided) to the pharmacy or the Home and Community Care Support Services Access Care Coordinator may fax the completed medical referral form directly to the pharmacy (Care Coordinators: please ensure the physician's name is printed and he/she has signed the document). The lidocaine is not covered by ODB but is provided at a reasonable cost.

Terrace Hill Pharmacy is not open on Sundays so if the Rx needs to be filled urgently/cannot wait until opening of business on Monday morning or on a stat holiday weekend, Calea Pharmacy (Phone #: 1-855-842-3560 & Fax #: 1-877-563-9754) can fill it but there is charge for the lidocaine and the needles.