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### PROPHALATIC ANTIBIOTICS AFTER TOTAL JOINT SURGERY

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK PATIENT:

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| 1. Is the patient within the first two years after total joint surgery?  | YES | NO |
| 2. Is the procedure the patient is about to undergo considered high bacteremic risk? (Consult with Dentist office or Surgeon's office) | YES | NO |
| 3. Is the patient immunocompromised by chronic steroid use, cancer medications, HIV or AIDS?   | YES | NO |
| 4. Does the patient have Rheumatoid Arthritis, Diabetes or Systemic Lupus Erythematosus?   | YES | NO |
| 5. Does the patient have a previous history of infection to an artificial joint?   | YES | NO |
| 6. Does the patient suffer from malnourishment, hemophilia or alcoholism?  | YES | NO |

#### IF YES TO ANY QUESTION ABOVE THEN:

In patients NOT allergic to PCN:

**AMOXICILLIN 500 mg**

Disp: # 4 tabs

Sig: Take all 4 tablets 1 hour prior to surgical procedure

In patients allergic to PCN:

CLINDAMYCIN 600 mg

Disp: # 1 tab

Sig: take 600 mg P.O. one hour prior to procedure

#### Alternatives:

Ampicillin, 2 gms IM/IV one hour prior to procedure

Cefaxolin, 2 gms IM/IV one hour prior to procedure

Cephalexin, 2 gms IM/IV one hour prior to procedure

Cephadrine, 2 gms IM/IV one hour prior to procedure

Clindamycin, 600 mg IM/IV one hour prior to procedure

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