



Evidence reviews – March 2024

Evidence review

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The following documents contain the evidence that was used to develop the 2024 recommendations:

- [Symptoms and signs associated with bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Risk factors associated with bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Symptoms and signs associated with meningococcal disease](#)
- [Risk factors associated with meningococcal disease](#)
- [Investigating and diagnosing suspected bacterial meningitis with blood and urine investigations](#)
- [Investigating and diagnosing suspected meningococcal disease with blood and urine investigations](#)
- [Investigating and diagnosing suspected bacterial meningitis with cerebrospinal fluid parameters](#)
- [Factors associated with brain herniation](#)
- [Role of neuroimaging prior to lumbar puncture](#)
- [Timing of antibiotics for bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Timing of antibiotics for meningococcal disease](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis before or in the absence of identifying causative infecting organism in younger infants](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis before or in the absence of identifying causative infecting organism in older infants and children](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis before or in the absence of identifying causative infecting organism in adults](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis caused by Haemophilus influenzae](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis caused by Group B streptococcus](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis caused by Gram-negative bacilli](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis caused by Listeria monocytogenes](#)
- [Antibiotics for bacterial meningitis caused by Neisseria meningitidis](#)
- [Antibiotics for meningococcal disease](#)
- [Fluid restriction in bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Osmotic agents in bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Intracranial pressure monitoring in bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Corticosteroids for treatment of bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Corticosteroids in meningococcal disease](#)
- [Long-term complications and follow-up for bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Long-term complications and follow-up for meningococcal disease](#)
- [Factors associated with recurrent bacterial meningitis](#)
- [Factors associated with recurrent meningococcal disease](#)
- [Information for suspected bacterial meningitis or meningococcal disease](#)
- [Support for suspected bacterial meningitis or meningococcal disease](#)

- [Information for confirmed bacterial meningitis or meningococcal disease](#)
- [Support for confirmed bacterial meningitis or meningococcal disease](#)

Other supporting evidence

- [Methods](#)