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Randomised controlled trial of the efficacy of adding intravenous benzylpenicillin to intravenous flucloxacillin in the treatment of lower limb cellulitis

Submission date
30/09/2004

Recruitment status
No longer recruiting

Registration date
30/09/2004

Overall study status
Completed

Last Edited
23/09/2009

Condition category
Skin and Connective Tissue Diseases

[_] Prospectively registered
[_] Protocol
[_] Statistical analysis plan
[X] Results
[_] Individual participant data

Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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Type(s)
Scientific

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number
N0013101031

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives
Does the addition of benzylpenicillin shorten the duration of stay of patients and/or decrease the number of beta-lactam therapy failures.

Please note that as of 23/09/09 inclusion and exclusion criteria for this trial have been updated.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Received from local medical ethics committee

Study design
Randomised double-blind placebo controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Cellulitis

Interventions
In non-penicillin allergic patients, after consent they will be randomised to receive one of 2 treatments:
1. Intravenous (IV) flucloxacillin 1g four times a day (qds) and IV benzylpenicillin 1.2 g qds
2. IV flucloxacillin 1g qds and IV placebo (N Saline) qds.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome(s)
Duration of stay, as determined by the number of 6 hourly doses of antibiotic the patient received prior to discharge.

Key secondary outcome(s))
Therapy failure rate

Completion date
01/04/2003

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
Current information as of 23/09/09:
1. Patients with lower limb cellulitis and who require admission
2. Initial diameter of cellulitis >100 mm
3. Able to understand spoken and written english

Initial information at time of registration:
Patients with lower limb cellulitis and who require admission

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
Added 23/09/09:
1. Known allergy to the study drugs
2. Known renal or hepatic impairment,
3. Random capillary glucose >13 mmol/l
4. Acute co-existent illness in the affected leg, such as deep venous thrombosis, or wound/abscess requiring operative debridement/ repair.

Date of first enrolment
01/10/2001

Date of final enrolment
01/04/2003

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Department of Health

Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/05/2005		Yes	No