

CIT Home Treatment of Cellulitis

IV Antibiotics Discharge Checklist from CDU

- Online referral to CIT by staff- nursing or medical southwestcit.ie check inclusion/exclusion criteria first as per the policy.
- Ring to confirm availability 0818837427
- Email admin@southwestcit.ie any additional information for example Doctors to email prescription.

- Copy of patient information leaflet (original in black folder- 4 pages) given to patient. Highlight emergency contacts and treatment if IVC was to fall out.
- Appointment date and time given to patient to return to CDU within 72 hours (Template in black folder)
- New IVC sited and existing cannula removed.
- Pharmacy pack to be given to patient.
 - A black key found on CDU DDA keys is used to open the locked cabinet beside the CDU fridge. Inside is
 - 1) antibiotic pack for two days worth of IV Cefaxolin abx and Probenecid PO tablets. Patient must receive first dose of these medications in CDU and have no adverse reactions.
 - 2) a prescription pad for Doctors to prescribe the medications
 - White page to go in pharmacy pack with patient
 - Blue copy in patients clinical notes
 - Pink copy to stay attached to prescription pad
 - 3) a brown ledger to record who received the pharmacy pack and how many packs are left.
- Copy of NEWS chart and PVC checklist to go into pharmacy pack (patient must bring all documents to CIT and on returning to CDU for the follow up appointment.
- GP letter to be sent once patient is discharged and attending CIT.
- Patients chart to be kept in CDU. Inform clerical staff that the patient has been discharged.
- On return to CDU for clinical review patient will either be..
 - discharged on po medication
 - Readmitted for IV medication in CDU or
 - Rereferred to CIT for a further 48 hours of abx. IVs to be given while in CDU for that day, bloods take and new IVC inserted. Patient to be rereferred to CIT (phone CIT to check availability and Doctor to email a new prescription) Patient must receive another appointment date and time for clinical review in CDU in 72 hours time. Update NEWS and PVC chart. A new pharmacy pack to be given to patient.