Cellulitis at UCLH
Predicting diagnosis and outcome

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<th>Risk factors/exposures:</th>
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<td>• Diabetes</td>
<td>• Markers of sepsis</td>
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<td>• Tinea pedis</td>
<td>• Pain +++</td>
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<td>• IV lines/ IVDU</td>
<td>• Failure of “effective” oral dosing</td>
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<td>• Bites/burns</td>
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Mobility/social issues

Alternative diagnoses:
• To follow!
Treatment

1\textsuperscript{st} line: po flucloxacillin 500mg qds
2\textsuperscript{nd} line: po clindamycin 450 – 600mg qds
“3\textsuperscript{rd} line: ceftriaxone 1g IV daily”

Admission:
IV flucloxacillin + IV Benzylpenicillin
Very sick: add clindamycin +/- gram neg cover
Additional/alternative if eg MRSA positive
RAID

Rapid Access Infectious Diseases clinic
- for urgent assessment of infected patients
(unlikely to require admission)
Eligible patients include:

Referrals from GP/ A&E who are:
- Unlikely to need admission
- Need urgent assessment/review within 24-72 hours

Typical patients may include:
- Patients with unexplained fever, rash, or lymphadenopathy (non-cancer)
- **Cellulitis** but otherwise ambulant and well
  - for assessment of need for outpatient intravenous vs oral antibiotics
- Patients with resistant organism UTIs
  - requiring IV or unlicensed oral medications (eg fosfomycin),
  - who are otherwise well
Ineligible patients:

- Patients with history of tropical travel < 6/12
- Patients with significant co-morbidities or clinically likely to warrant admission (we will see in A&E)
- Patients with suspected pulmonary TB

We will see as per normal Hospital for Tropical Diseases Walk-In clinic pathway

For infection control reasons, refer to open-access UCLH TB clinic
RAID Booking Procedure:

- Please contact Infectious Diseases/Tropical Medicine SpR/consultant at any time on 24hr mobile number: 07908 250 924
- Alternatively email HTDRAID@uclh.nhs.uk
- Our doctors/nurses will discuss and arrange with you and/or the patient the best place and time for the consultation.
- The fax number for sending relevant paperwork is 0203 4479675. Please contact us first though, to ensure the urgency is recognised.