

Empiric antibiotic selection

Drug

Indication

Clindamycin, metronidazole

Aspiration,
anaerobes

Piperacillin/tazobactam

Gram-negative rods,
aspiration

Gentamicin, tobramycin

Gram-negative rods

Imipenem/cilastatin,
imipenem, cefepime

Gram-negative rods,
Pseudomonas species

Vancomycin

Staphylococcus
species/MRSA

Linezolid

MRSA