

**Table 6. Prophylactic Regimens for Dental, Oral, Respiratory Tract or Esophageal Procedures (From Recommendations Of The American Heart Association, 1997)
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Situation	Agent	Regimen*
Standard general prophylaxis	Amoxicillin	Adults: 2.0 g; children 50 mg/kg orally 1 h before procedure
Unable to take oral medications	Ampicillin	Adults: 2.0 g IM or IV; children: 50 mg/kg IM or IV within 30 minutes before procedure
Allergic to penicillin	Clindamycin, <i>or</i> Cephalexin** <i>or</i> cefadroxil** <i>or</i> Azithromycin <i>or</i> clarithromycin	Adults: 600 mg; children: 20 mg/kg orally 1 h before procedure Adults: 2.0 g; children: 50 mg/kg orally 1 h before procedure Adults: 500 mg; children: 15 mg/kg orally 1 h before procedure
Allergic to penicillin and unable to take oral medications	Clindamycin <i>or</i> Cefazolin	Adults: 600 mg; children: 20 mg/kg orally 1 h before procedure Adults: 1.0 g; children: 25 mg/kg IM or IV within 30 min before procedure

*Total children's dose should not exceed adult dose

**Cephalosporins should not be used in individuals with immediate-type hypersensitivity reaction (urticaria, angioedema, or anaphylaxis) to penicillins