

# Recommendations for use of prophylactic antibiotics in safe abortion care

## For vacuum aspiration and dilatation and evacuation

*Before the procedure, a single dose of:*

- Doxycycline 200mg orally, **OR**
- Azithromycin 500mg orally, **OR**
- Metronidazole 500mg orally

## For medical abortion

*Routine prophylactic antibiotics are not recommended.*

Women at high risk should be screened for sexually transmitted infections. Women with signs and symptoms of infection should be provided abortion services without delay and receive appropriate antibiotic treatment according to evidence-based regimens. Partners of women with sexually transmitted infection also require treatment.

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