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[Laceration:
Urgent Care](#)

Exclusion criteria:

- Animal bites - refer to [Animal Bites \(Mammal\) Clinical Pathway](#)
- Collagen connective tissue diseases (e.g., Ehlers-Danlos syndrome)
- Surgical incision
- Open fracture
- Significant genital trauma - consult appropriate medical service

Indications to consider subspecialty consultation:

Plastic Surgery

- Full thickness laceration into subcutaneous tissue (other than the face)
- Length > 5 cm (other than the face)
- Other indications for multilayer repair (other than the face)

OMFS

- Complex facial laceration, including ear and nose
- Oral commissure
- Tongue

Orthopedics / Hand

- Concern for musculoskeletal trauma (e.g., bone, tendon, joint involvement)

Ophthalmology

- Full thickness eyelid laceration
- Eyelid margin / tarsal plate
- Suspected nasolacrimal duct injury

Lidocaine dosing:

- CM sites utilize 1% lidocaine (10 mg/mL) formulations
- Recommended maximum dose = 4.5 mg/kg/dose (max 300 mg/dose)
- Link to [lidocaine dosage calculator](#)

Indications for antibiotics:

Topical

- Bacitracin may be considered for wounds not closed with skin adhesive

Oral

- At risk for infection:
 - Cephalexin 17 mg/kg/dose PO TID (max 500 mg/dose) x 3 - 5 days
- Special cases warranting consideration of other antibiotic agents:
 - Penetrating injuries (esp. to the foot through a shoe)
 - Untreated water contamination
 - Immunocompromised patient

For more complex / contaminated wounds consult Infectious Diseases

Abbreviations:

AH = Adele Hall
LET = Lidocaine/epinephrine/tetracaine
OMFS = Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

