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# **Antibiotics for Your Joint Replacement**

Please let your doctor or dentist know you have a prosthetic joint replacement. While not known with certainty to be needed or effective for all patients, I recommend antibiotics for the following procedures:

#### **Dental and Oral Procedures**

**Amoxicillin:** 2.0 g orally 1 hour before the procedure.

#### **Genitourinary and Gastrointestinal Procedures**

**Amoxicillin:** 2.0 g orally 1 hour before the procedure. (If you cannot take Amoxicillin due to a penicillin allergy, please refer to the alternate antibiotics)

## Alternate Antibiotics for Patients with a Penicillin Allergy

#### **Dental and Oral Procedures**

Clindamycin: 600 mg. orally 1 hour before the procedure

#### **Genitourinary and Gastrointestinal Procedures**

**Ciprofloxacin:** 750 mg. orally 1 hour before the procedure