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*Office of the Chief Medical Officer*

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**Attention All:** Consultants  
Medical Officers  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses

**Re: Daptomycin 500mg injections**

Daptomycin 500mg injections have been recommended by the Government Formulary List Advisory Committee and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health for introduction onto the Government Formulary List.

Daptomycin is a lipopeptide antibacterial that is reported to have a spectrum of antibacterial activity similar to that of vancomycin and greater potency against most Gram-positive bacterial strains in vitro; it is inactive against Gram-negative bacteria.

Antibiotic Team Consultants can prescribe daptomycin 500mg injections for:

- Right-sided infective endocarditis (RIE) due to *Staphylococcus aureus* when 1st line agents cannot be used or have been ineffective.
- Other evidence based indications following evaluation on a case per case basis by the Antibiotic Team, including antibacterial susceptibility of the organism.

Daptomycin 500mg injections are protocol- regulated with protocol number 59 (attached). Daptomycin 500mg injections have been procured through the Central Procurement and Supplies Unit and are now available for use as per protocol.

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## **Daptomycin 500mg Injections**

**Prescriber criteria:** Antibiotic Team Consultant

**In-patient use:**

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- Other evidence based indications following evaluation on a case per case basis by the Antibiotic Team, including antibacterial susceptibility of the organism.