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## Infectious Diseases and the Outpatient Antimicrobial Therapy Clinic

*Do you have a patient who is 15 years of age or older, needs once daily IV antibiotics but is not requiring hospitalization? The OPAT clinic might be the perfect spot for them!*

Does the patient need to be seen TODAY (which may mean a first dose through the ED if outside clinic hours) or can they wait until the next morning to be assessed at the OPAT clinic?

*OPAT is also the contact point for outpatients who may be eligible for home IV therapy. This program provides assessment, education, and support for patients undergoing intravenous therapy who could recover at home.*

1. CALL the Hospital Switchboard (250-370-8000) and ask for Infectious Disease at the OPAT clinic between 7:30 and 1:00pm or ask for the on-call ID outside of those hours. **ID has asked that physicians call the clinic first to discuss the patient, before sending in a referral.**

2. After discussing your patient with the ID physician, you can send a referral letter by fax to 250-370-8638.



The clinic is open seven days a week from 7:30 am-1:00 pm; however, new referrals are not taken on weekends or statutory holidays. Patients need to arrive at the clinic at 7:30 am for their first appointment but subsequently are given scheduled appointment times.