

Skin and soft tissue infections

Acne	Adult 1st line topical therapy	Benzoyl peroxide	2.5% gel increasing to 5% if tolerated	BD	Review after 2 months
	Adult topical if benzoyl peroxide not tolerated	A topical retinoid, eg Adapalene or Tretinoin or Isotretinoin may be used as an alternative. Benzoyl peroxide or other abrasive cleansers may cause peeling which should be given time to subside before using a topical retinoid.			
	Adult 1st line systemic therapy	Oxytetracycline or Tetracycline or	500mg	BD	Review in 3 months, full Rx may take 6–12 months
		Lymecycline	408mg	OD	
		Adult 2nd line systemic therapy	Erythromycin or	500mg	
	Doxycycline		100mg	OD	
Adult 3rd line systemic therapy	Refer to dermatology.				