**Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority Protocol for**

**Group A Streptococcal Pharyngitis (Strep Throat)**

**Purpose:**

To provide timely and accessible treatment of group A streptococcal (GAS) pharyngitis for low-risk, symptomatic patients in consideration of the clinical guidelines established by the [Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)](https://www.idsociety.org/uploadedFiles/IDSA/Guidelines-Patient_Care/PDF_Library/2012%20Strep%20Guideline.pdf).

**Patients Eligible for Antibiotic Therapy Under this Protocol (Inclusion Criteria):**

* Symptomatic patients between the ages of 6 and 45 who score a 2 or higher on the [Centor Score](https://www.mdcalc.com/centor-score-modified-mcisaac-strep-pharyngitis) and then test positive to a CLIA-waived test indicated for GAS pharyngitis.

**Patients Ineligible for Antibiotic Therapy Under this Protocol (Exclusion and Referral Criteria):**

* Patients younger than 6 years of age or older than 45 years
* Patients who received antibiotic therapy within the previous 30 days
* Patients who report they are pregnant or breastfeeding
* Patients who report they are immunocompromised by medication or condition
* Adult patients who have one or more of the following:
  + Systolic hypotension <100 mgHg
  + Tachypnea >25 breaths/min (>20 breaths per minute for patients <18 years)
  + Tachycardia >100 beats/min (>119 beats/min for patients <18 years)
  + Oxygenation <90% via pulse oximetry
  + Body temperature >103OF (>102OF for patients <18 years)
  + History of renal dysfunction

**Follow-up within 48 hours after initial interaction to determine efficacy of treatment initiated or need for referral.**