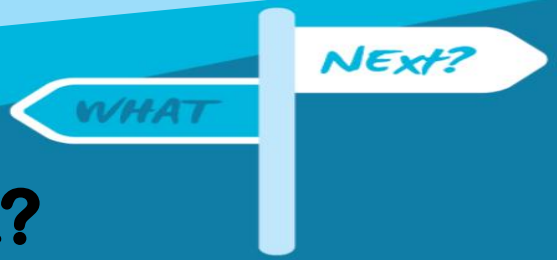


What should I do next?



If dose of antibiotic given late due to unpreventable events

e.g. tissue venflon, work pressures, higher priorities causing delay in drug rounds



Once the delaying factor has been resolved, administer the due dose as soon as able



Do NOT delay the following dose unless it is due ≤ 4 hours (the only exception to this is 4-hourly dosing, in which case speak to a pharmacist)

Common examples:

Prescription on HEPMA	Issue	What should I do next?
Co-trimoxazole at 8am and 8pm	8am dose not given until 12 noon	Next dose due 8pm. Give as prescribed, do NOT delay <u>it</u>
Vancomycin at 10am and 10pm	10pm <u>dose</u> not given until 2am	Next dose due at 10am. Give as prescribed, do NOT delay <u>it</u>
Amoxicillin at 7am, 4pm and 10pm	7am dose not given until 1pm	Miss out 4pm dose, then continue as prescribed from 10pm
Metronidazole at 7am, 12noon, 10pm	12noon <u>dose</u> not given until 4pm	Next dose due at 10pm. Give as prescribed, do NOT delay <u>it</u>
Flucloxacillin at 7am, 12noon, 4pm and 10pm	7am <u>dose</u> not given until 11am	Omit 12 noon's dose, then continue as prescribed from 4pm



Add a comment on HEPMA and document in medical notes reason(s) for the delay



Consider adjusting HEPMA timings only if dosing intervals is not practical and ambiguous