Disease Reference: Epocrates Plus

This application provides information specific to disease types, organized by systems or searchable across all content. Treatment options are embedded in each element, along with diagnosis information, background information, images, and citations. The tool allows the user to view by system, bug or drug. We recommend this product since it comes with Epocrates Plus, updates often and is considered reliable. Try solving the problems below.

Not sure if you have the Plus version? Ask your facilitator for help.

CASE A:

JA is a 38 year old female who has a diagnosis of acute cholecystitis. Surgery is being considered. While waiting for the attending to decide, try to answer the following:

1. What are common causative pathogens for this condition?

2. List a non-surgical Tx regimen (name of drug, dose and frequency, not category).

3. What might you choose if the patient is allergic to penicillin?

CASE B:

On Internal Medicine, you diagnose a patient with diverticulitis in the ambulatory clinic and decide to treat as an outpatient.

1. What medications will you use to treat?

2. How do you adjust dosing of these medications for this patient with severe renal disease (<10% GFR)?

CASE C:

A classmate just returned from camping in the Appalachians. You suspect Giardiasis as a possible cause of her diarrhea and GI symptoms.

1. Identify common symptoms and how would you confirm the diagnosis?

2. How would you treat her?

You will use an ID drug reference on most of your clinical rotations. Use one that is easy to use and reliable. Remember there are often several first choices with antimicrobials. Choice should be based on best evidence, cost, formulary compliance, local (hospital/community resistance patterns) and personal comfort level.