

START Assessment filmed scenario

Safe Prescribing

You were able to explain your rationale for the prescriptions very clearly. We discussed the Gentamicin dosing and you opted for 5mg/kg per day (using the up to 28 days age range) - the BNFC would recommend 7mg/kg once a day or 2.5mg/kg three times a day, although I thought your dosing schedule would have been safe. From my own unit, I know the nurses would have insisted it was written according to the BNFC at 30 days - you did mention the importance of liaising with the nurses - and I liked your suggestion of making sure the Flucloxacillin timings fitted in with their routines. Your fluid prescription was acceptable, although I think you hadn't worked out the exact Sodium load, which might be necessary if the patient did have renal dysfunction.

My suggested points for further development would be to think about how you, as a consultant, would make sure antibiotic protocols were understood by all staff - perhaps by involving a unit pharmacist and planning teaching (which could be used in induction sessions).

OVERALL - meets competence